



A cell phone with the a new Facebook interface is displayed at the company's headquarters in Menlo Park, Calif., Thursday, April 4, 2013. Associated Press

## Facebook's Zuckerberg launches political group

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AP Technology Writer  
**NEW YORK (AP)** — Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg and other Silicon Valley leaders have formally launched a political group aimed at revamping immigration policy, boosting education and encouraging investment in scientific research.

Zuckerberg announced the formation of Fwd.us (pronounced "forward us") in an op-ed article in The Washington Post late Wednesday night. In it, he said the U.S. needs a new approach to these issues if it is to get ahead economically.

This includes offering a path to citizenship for the 11 million or so immigrants who now live in the U.S. illegally.

"We have a strange immigration policy for a nation of immigrants," Zuckerberg wrote.

"And it's a policy unfit for today's world."

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Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Martin Dempsey left, and Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel, center, arrive on Capitol Hill in Washington, Thursday, April 11, 2013, to testify before the House Armed Services Committee hearing on the Defense Department's fiscal 2014 National Defense Authorization Budget Request.

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## Pentagon: N. Korea could launch nuclear missile

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Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — A U.S. intelligence report concludes that North Korea has advanced its nuclear knowhow to the point that it could arm a ballistic missile with a nuclear warhead, a jarring revelation in the midst of bellicose threats from the unpredictable communist regime.

President Barack Obama urged calm, calling on Pyongyang to end its saber-rattling while sternly warning that he would "take all necessary steps" to protect

American citizens.

The new American intelligence analysis, disclosed Thursday at a hearing on Capitol Hill, says the Pentagon's intelligence wing has "moderate confidence" that North Korea has nuclear weapons capable of delivery by ballistic missiles but that the weapon was unreliable.

Rep. Doug Lamborn read aloud what he said was an unclassified paragraph from a secret Defense Intelligence Agency report that was supplied to some members of Congress. The reading seemed to take Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman

of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, by surprise, who said he hadn't seen the report and declined to answer questions about it.

In a statement late Thursday, Pentagon press secretary George Little said: "While I cannot speak to all the details of a report that is classified in its entirety, it would be inaccurate to suggest that the North Korean regime has fully tested, developed or demonstrated the kinds of nuclear capabilities referenced" in Lamborn's remarks.

"The United States continues to closely monitor the North Korean nuclear pro-

gram and calls upon North Korea to honor its international obligations," Little added.

Still later Thursday, James Clapper, the director of national intelligence, issued his own statement, saying he concurred with Little.

"I would add that the statement read by the member (Lamborn) is not an intelligence community assessment. Moreover, North Korea has not yet demonstrated the full range of capabilities necessary for a nuclear armed missile," Clapper said.

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## Pentagon

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The DIA conclusion was confirmed by a senior congressional aide who spoke on condition of anonymity because the Pentagon had not officially released the contents. The aide said the report was produced in March.

Since the beginning of March, the Navy has moved two missile defense ships closer to the coast of the Korean peninsula, in part to protect against a potential missile launch aimed at Guam, a U.S. territory in the Pacific. The Pentagon also has announced it will place a more advanced land-based missile defense on Guam, and Hagel said in March that he approved installing 14 additional missile interceptors in Alaska to bolster a portion of the missile defense network that is designed to protect all of U.S. territory.



From left, FBI Director Robert Mueller, National Intelligence Director James Clapper; CIA Director John Brennan, and Department of Defense's Defense Intelligence Agency Director Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn, testify on Capitol Hill in Washington, Thursday, April 11, 2013, before the House Intelligence Committee hearing on worldwide threats.

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On Thursday, the Pentagon said it had moved a sea-based X-band radar — designed to track warheads in flight — into position in the Pacific. Notably absent from that

unclassified segment of the report was any reference to what the DIA believes is the range of a missile North Korea could arm with a nuclear warhead. Much of its missile arsenal is capable of reaching South Korea and Japan, but Kim has threatened to attack the United States as well.

At the House Armed Services Committee hearing in which he revealed the DIA assessment, Lamborn asked Dempsey, whether he agreed with it. Dempsey said he had not seen the report.

"You said it's not publicly released, so I choose not to comment on it," Dempsey said.

But David Wright, a nuclear weapons expert at the Union of Concerned Scientists, said the DIA assessment probably does not change the views of those who closely follow developments in North Korea's pursuit of a nuclear weapon.

"People are starting to believe North Korea very likely has the capability to build a nuclear weapon small enough to put on some of their shorter-range missiles," Wright said. "Once you start talking about warheads small enough and technically capable to be on a long-range missile, I think it's much more an open question."

The DIA assessment is not out of line with comments

Dempsey made Wednesday when he was asked at a Pentagon news conference whether North Korea was capable of pairing a nuclear warhead to a ballistic missile that could reach Japan or beyond.

In response, Dempsey said the extent of North Korean progress on designing a nuclear weapon small enough to operate as a missile warhead was a classified matter. But he did not rule out that the North has achieved the capability revealed in the DIA report.

"They have conducted two nuclear tests," Dempsey told a Pentagon news conference. "They have conducted several successful ballistic missile launches. And in the absence of concrete evidence to the contrary, we have to assume the worst case, and that's why we're postured as we are today." He was referring to recent moves by the U.S. to increase its missile defense capabilities in the Pacific.

At the same House hearing where Lamborn revealed the DIA conclusion, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel was asked a different version of the same question: Does North Korea have the capability to strike U.S. territory with a nuclear weapon? Hagel said the answer is no.

"Now does that mean that they won't have it or they can't have it or they're not

working on it?" Hagel added. "No. That's why this is a very dangerous situation."

"Now is the time for North Korea to end the belligerent approach they have taken and to try to lower temperatures," Obama said in his first public comments since Pyongyang threatened the United States and its allies in East Asia with nuclear attack. Obama, speaking from the Oval Office, said he preferred to see the tensions on the peninsula resolved through diplomatic means, but added that "the United States will take all necessary steps to protect its people."

The North on Thursday delivered a fresh round of war rhetoric with claims it has "powerful striking means" on standby, the latest in a torrent of warlike threats seen by outsiders as an effort to scare and pressure South Korea and the U.S. into changing their North Korea policies.

Lamborn is a member of the Strategic Forces subcommittee of the Armed Services panel, which oversees ballistic missiles. A former state legislator who was elected to the House in 2006, was a member of the Tea Party caucus and belongs to the Republican Study Committee, the caucus of House conservatives. At a separate hearing Thursday, U.S. officials offered their assessment of the North Korean leader, who is a grandson of the country's founder, Kim Il Sung.

Clapper told the House Intelligence Committee that he thinks Kim, who took control after his father, Kim Jong Il, died in 2011, is trying to show the U.S., the world and his own people that he is "firmly in control in North Korea," while attempting to maneuver the international community into concessions in future negotiations.

"I don't think ... he has much of an endgame other than to somehow elicit recognition" and to turn the nuclear threat into "negotiation and to accommodation and presumably for aid," Clapper said.



Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs John Baird, left, gives up a case of Molson beer to U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, Thursday April 11, 2013 to pay off an earlier gentlemen's bet on a women's hockey tournament which the U.S. won.

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## John Kerry wins hockey bet, gets case of Molson

BRADLEY KLAPPER

Associated Press

**LONDON (AP)** — U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry now has a case of beer to quench his thirst as he continues a 10-day trip through the Middle East, Europe and Asia. Canadian Foreign Minister John Baird presented Kerry with a 24-pack of Molson Canadian lager on Thursday to make good on their bet over who would win the women's world hockey championship. The U.S. beat Canada 3-2 in the gold medal game on Tuesday in Ottawa.

Kerry, a Massachusetts native, had wagered a case of Samuel Adams. Kerry and Baird were in London for a meeting of the foreign ministers of the Group of Eight industrialized nations. □



# Gun control bill clears first hurdle in Senate

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Gun control supporters in the U.S. Senate won the first showdown over how to respond to the December school shootings in Connecticut, defeating an effort by conservatives to derail firearms restrictions before debate could even start.

The 68-31 vote Thursday gave an early burst of momentum to efforts by President Barack Obama and lawmakers to push fresh but modest gun curbs through Congress. The National Rifle Association, the top gun advocacy group, along with many Republicans and some moderate Democrats, says the proposals go too far.

The road to congressional approval of major restrictions remains difficult, particularly in the Republican-led House of Representatives, where there is strong opposition.

The vote came four months after a gunman killed 20 young children and six staffers at a Connecticut school, spurring Obama and legislators to attempt to address firearms violence. Congress has not

approved sweeping gun restrictions since enacting an assault weapons ban 19 years ago, a prohibition that lawmakers failed to renew a decade later.

Expanded background checks of gun purchasers are at the core of the latest Democrat-led gun control drive. Other top proposals — including bans on assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines — will be offered as amendments during Senate debate but seem destined for defeat. Background checks currently apply only to transactions handled by the country's 55,000 licensed gun dealers. Advocates of expanding the system say too many sales — the exact proportion is unknown — escape the checks, which are supposed to keep weapons from going to criminals, the seriously mentally ill, and others.

"The hard work starts now," Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, a Democrat, said after the vote. As he spoke, relatives of the school shooting victims watching from the visitors' gallery above the Senate floor wiped away tears



Sen. Pat Toomey, R-Pa., right, and Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., finish a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, April 10, 2013, announcing that they have reached a compromise on background checks for gun buyers in the aftermath of the horrific Connecticut school shootings in December 2012.

Associated Press.

and held hands, and some seemed to pray.

On Thursday, 50 Democrats, 16 Republicans and 2 independents opposed the conservative effort, while 29 Republicans and 2 Democrats supported it. Gun control supporters needed 60 votes to block

the conservatives.

The vote opened the door to an emotion-laden debate on the legislation, which would subject more firearms buyers to federal background checks, strengthen laws against illicit gun trafficking and increase school safety aid. Advocates say the measures would make it harder for criminals and the mentally ill to get weapons.

Opponents argue that the restrictions would violate the U.S. Constitution's right to bear arms and would be ignored by criminals. Despite their defeat, conservatives were threatening to invoke a procedural rule forcing the Senate to wait 30 hours before it could begin considering amendments. Before the vote, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, a Republican who was supporting the conservative effort to block debate, said the legislation would restrict the constitutionally protected rights of relatives and friends to sell firearms to each other.

"This bill is a clear overreach that will predominantly punish and harass our neighbors, friends, and family," McConnell said.

The roll call came a day after Sens. Joe Manchin,

a Democrat, and Patrick Toomey, a Republican, two of the most conservative members of their parties, unveiled a less-restrictive compromise on federal background checks, requiring them for gun shows and online transactions but exempting noncommercial, personal transactions. The compromise between Toomey and Manchin, both owners of guns who have "A" ratings from the NRA, was likely to improve the prospects that the Senate might expand background checks by attracting broader support. But debate could last weeks, and it was not known what amendments to the overall bill, either constricting or expanding gun rights, senators might approve.

Underscoring the difficult path gun curbs face in the House, its leader Speaker John Boehner, repeated his plan to wait for the Senate to produce something and pointedly noted that the background check agreement had yet to pass Senate muster.

"It's one thing for two members to come to some agreement. It doesn't substitute the will for the other 98 members," he told reporters. □

## U.S. state passes bill to decriminalize gay sex

**HELENA, Montana (AP)** — A U.S. state's lawmakers took the final step towards striking down an unconstitutional law that calls gay sex illegal, but the governor's office hasn't said whether he will sign the bill.

It's a symbolic act that still brought the woman who led the campaign against the Montana law to tears. "I was actually surprised. ... I didn't realize how important it was going to be until it was there," Linda Gryczan told the Great Falls Tribune in a story published Wednesday.

Gryczan and other advocates called it a landmark victory for gay and lesbian rights in the largely rural western state.

The measure would strike from the state code the obsolete language criminalizing gay sex as deviate sexual conduct. Gryczan was the lead plaintiff in a 1995 lawsuit that led to the unanimous 1997 Montana Supreme Court decision that ruled the law unconstitutional.

But legislators resisted removing the obsolete language until now, as gay and lesbian advocates protested its continued presence was a reminder they were once considered felons.

Jamee Greer, a human rights activist and a lobbyist for the Montana Human Rights Network, said Republican legislators are

coming around to recognizing that gays and lesbians deserve to be treated as equals.

"The fact is language matters, and those words matter. It's a relief to know this is moving forward," Greer said.

As more people make their sexual orientation known their friends, families and neighbors, it makes it easier for politicians from both parties to stand in favor of gay-rights issues, Greer said.

That shift has been seen at the national level, with the first Republican U.S. senator recently announcing his support for gay marriage because one of his sons is gay. □



# Senate group finds deal on U.S. immigration bill

**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—Democratic and Republican negotiators have reached agreement on all the major elements of sweeping legislation to remake U.S. immigration laws and expect to present the bill next week, lawmakers said.

As proposed, the bill would enact the biggest changes to immigration law in more than a quarter century.

The landmark legislation would greatly boost border security, put the estimated 11 million immigrants living in the U.S. illegally on a path to citizenship and require all employers to verify the legal status of their workers.

Overhauling the famously snarled immigration system is a top priority for President Barack Obama in his second term, and it's the rare issue with support from both parties in a bitterly divided Congress. Opposition Republicans, who lost badly in last year's election, quickly turned to immigration as a possible way to attract the Hispanic voters who heavily supported Obama for re-election.

That led to the current negotiations by the "Gang



**House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio takes questions from reporters on gun control, immigration and the budget during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington, Thursday, April 11, 2013.**

**Associated Press**

of Eight" senators from the top two political parties.

"All issues that rise to the member level have been dealt with," Sen. Chuck Schumer, a Democrat, said in a statement Thursday. "All that is left is the drafting."

Sen. Dick Durbin, a Democrat, said the bill probably would be introduced Tuesday.

Pro-immigrant activists were preparing for a fight even as they expressed optimism that this time, Congress would finally succeed in passing an immigration

overhaul bill. The last major immigration fight was in 2007, when a bill came close on the Senate floor but ultimately failed.

"I think it's a pretty remarkable breakthrough that eight ideologically diverse senators are working so well together on such a challenging issue," said Frank Sharry, executive director of America's Voice, a group advocating for an overhaul. "And I think the fact that they've come up with a bill they can all support and defend suggests that it's the heart of a

bill that will finally pass into law."

Next will come the uncertain public phase as voters and other lawmakers get a look at the measure.

Once the legislation is released, it will be considered by the Senate Judiciary Committee, which has scheduled a hearing for next Wednesday and will likely begin to amend and vote on the bill the week of May 6. From there, the bill would move to the Senate floor.

More uncertain is the conservative-led House of Representatives, where a bipartisan group is also crafting an immigration bill, though timing of its release is uncertain. Many conservatives in the House remain opposed to citizenship for immigrants who have been living in the U.S. illegally. Significant details of the Senate legislation have already become public.

The bill is expected to provide a 13-year path to citizenship for people living in the U.S. illegally, but only after a new border security plan along Mexico is in place, employers have adopted mandatory elec-

tronic verification of their workers' legal status and a new electronic entry-exit system is operating at airports and seaports for tracking holders of temporary visas.

It would call for surveillance of 100 percent of the U.S. border with Mexico and apprehension of 90 percent of people trying to cross in certain high-risk areas.

Six months from enactment, people living in the U.S. illegally could apply for a provisional legal status, as long as the Department of Homeland Security has developed new plans for border security.

A new visa program for low-skilled workers would ultimately allow up to 200,000 workers per year into the country for jobs as janitors, construction workers, nursing home attendants and other occupations.

Farm workers already here illegally would get a faster path to citizenship than other immigrants, and another new visa program would allow tens of thousands of new workers into the country to labor in the nation's farms, fields and dairies. □

## Zuckerberg

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Zuckerberg, whose great-grandparents were immigrants, said he wants "comprehensive immigration reform that begins with effective border security, allows a path to citizenship and lets us attract the most talented and hardest-working people, no matter where they were born."

The move comes at an opportune time. Zuckerberg's goals echo a sweeping immigration bill that a bipartisan Senate group is expected to roll out in the coming days.

Companies such as Microsoft and Google, along with New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, have been pushing to make it easier for highly skilled workers and entrepreneurs to work in the U.S. Although

Fwd.us supports increasing the number of visas available to these workers, its goals are broader.

Zuckerberg also called for higher standards and accountability in schools and increased focus on learning about science, technology, engineering and math. Today's knowledge and ideas-based economy, the 28-year-old Harvard dropout wrote, is very different from the economy of the 20th century that was based on natural resources, industrial machines and labor.

Fwd.us, he said, was created to "to build the knowledge economy the United States needs to ensure more jobs, innovation and investment."

Also backing the group are tech leaders such as LinkedIn Corp. CEO Reid Hoffman and venture capitalists John Doerr and Jim Breyer, as well as Ruchi

Sanghvi of Dropbox, who was Facebook Inc.'s first female engineer. Joe Green, founder of Causes.com, a social network for community organizing, serves as the group's president and founder.

Major financial contributors include Google Inc. Chairman Eric Schmidt, Netflix Inc. CEO Reed Hastings, Yahoo Inc. CEO Marissa Mayer, SpaceX and Tesla Motors CEO Elon Musk, Zynga Inc. CEO Mark Pincus and former Groupon Inc. CEO Andrew Mason.

Fwd.us declined to disclose how much money Zuckerberg and other supporters have contributed to the group.

Last year, Zuckerberg donated 18 million Facebook shares, worth close to \$500 million at the time, to a Silicon Valley charity with the aim of funding health and education issues. And he pledged \$100 million in



**In this Thursday, March 20, 2013 file photo, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg speaks at Facebook headquarters in Menlo Park, Calif. Zuckerberg announced the formation of Fwd.us in an op-ed article in The Washington Post late Wednesday, April 10, 2013.**

**Associated Press**

Facebook stock to Newark, New Jersey, public schools in 2010, before his company went public in May 2012. Zuckerberg is not the only high-ranking Facebook executive to use his role to advance social causes.

Chief Operating Officer Sheryl Sandberg launched LeanIn.org, a nonprofit aimed at arming women with the tools and guidance they need to keep moving forward in the workforce. □



# Army chaplain gets posthumous Medal of Honor

**DARLENE SUPERVILLE**

**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** —

President Barack Obama awarded the Medal of Honor Thursday to a U.S. Army chaplain who risked his life dodging gunfire to provide medical and spiritual aid to wounded soldiers before dying in captivity more than 60 years ago during the Korean War. "I can't imagine a better example for all of us, whether in uniform or not in uniform, a better example to follow," Obama said after presenting the nation's highest military award for valor to a nephew of Capt. Emil Kapaun during a ceremony in the White House East Room.

The Roman Catholic priest was recognized for helping to carry an injured American for miles as Chinese captors led them on a death march, and for risking his life to drag the wounded to safety while dodging explosions and gunfire.

In November 1950, after Chinese soldiers overran U.S. troops near Unsan,

Kapaun defied orders to evacuate, knowing it meant he would most certainly be captured. He pleaded with an injured Chinese officer to call out to his fellow Chinese to stop shooting, an act that spared the lives of wounded Americans.

As Kapaun was being led away, he came across another wounded American in a ditch and an enemy soldier standing over Sgt. Herbert Miller, ready to shoot. Kapaun pushed the enemy aside and helped Miller as they were taken captive. They arrived days later, by foot, at the village in Pyoktong, where a POW camp eventually was established.

"This is the valor we honor today — an American soldier who didn't fire a gun, but who wielded the mightiest weapon of all, a love for his brothers so pure that he was willing to die so that they might live," Obama said.

At the camp, Kapaun cleaned others' wounds, convinced them to share scarce food, offered them

his own clothes and provided spiritual aid and comfort. On Easter in 1951, he defied his communist captors by conducting Mass with a makeshift crucifix.

He died on May 23, 1951, at age 35, after six months in captivity.

The president said Kapaun showed that a touch of the divine exists even in hellish situations.

"Father Kapaun's life, I think, is a testimony to the human spirit, the power of faith, and reminds us of the good that we can do each and every day regardless of the most difficult of circumstances," Obama said.

The chaplain's nephew, Ray Kapaun, his face flush with emotion, accepted the medal from Obama on his uncle's behalf. Emil Kapaun's parents and his only sibling, a brother, are deceased.

"I don't think the enormity of what occurred today will actually hit me until my wife and I are heading home from this experience," Ray Kapaun, 56, said afterward. □



President Barack Obama, right, stands with Ray Kapaun, left, nephew of Chaplain Capt. Emil J. Kapaun, U.S. Army, as he awards the Medal of Honor posthumously to Chaplain Kapaun in the East Room of the White House, Thursday, April 11, 2013, in Washington.

Associated Press

## U.S. soldier to be sentenced in espionage case

**RACHEL D'ORO**

**Associated Press**

**ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)** —

A U.S. soldier convicted of attempted espionage faces up to life in prison when he goes before an Army sentencing panel Monday, the military said. Spc. William Colton Millay pleaded guilty last month, but his plea was announced only on Thursday by officials at Joint Base Richardson-Elmendorf in Alaska.

Among other allegations, Millay was accused of transmitting national defense information to an undercover FBI agent he believed was a foreign intelligence agent. Officials have declined to say what country Millay believed the FBI agent represented, but

such details are likely to come out during sentencing.

Millay, 24, pleaded guilty March 19 to attempted espionage, soliciting a fellow service member to get classified material, issuing a false statement and communicating national defense information.

His attorney, Charles Swift, did not immediately return a request for comment.

Millay was arrested in October 2011. The military police officer was being observed during the espionage investigation and no damage occurred, officials have said.

Army officials said Millay "had access to the information through the course of his normal duties both stateside and on a previous

deployment, and believed that it could be used to the detriment of the United States or the advantage of a foreign nation." Officials have not said what time period was involved, but Millay's previous attorney, Steve Karns, has said the allegations cover 2011.

Millay was assigned to a combat tour in Iraq from December 2009 to July 2010, and he served in Korea, according to the Army. Officials have said the investigation did not involve a sting operation.

Officials have said there is no connection between Millay's case and one involving Bradley Manning, an Army private who is accused of disclosing secret intelligence to the secrets-spilling website WikiLeaks. □

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# Financial crises for man who held firefighters



A Gwinnett County Police Department crime scene investigator carries a handful of used stun grenades Thursday afternoon, April 11, 2013, outside the Suwanee, Ga., house where Lauren Brown held firefighters hostage the night before.

Associated Press

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**SUWANEE, Georgia (AP)** — A gunman who lured firefighters to his U.S. home with an emergency call and held four of them hostage for hours before being shot to death had faced a series of personal and financial calamities before he lashed out. With his power, cable and other utilities cut off because of nonpayment, 55-year-old Lauren Brown

had a half-dozen guns in his house and spent weeks planning the kidnapping, targeting firefighters Wednesday so he wouldn't be shot, authorities said Thursday. Police set off an explosive to distract attention and enter the house before shooting Brown. The firefighters had minor injuries. Brown shot one officer in the arm during the raid.

Brown had called emergency services and said he was suffering from chest pains, and five Gwinnett County firefighters arrived, believing it was a routine call, said Police Chief Charles Walters. Brown was lying in bed and appeared to be suffering from a condition that left him unable to move. But when they approached the bed, he pulled out a handgun, Walters said. Public records show his

house had slipped into foreclosure in recent months and that Brown, a former consultant for IBM, described himself as disabled when he filed for bankruptcy protection in 2003. He said he owed more than \$100,000. The records suggest that Brown was tapping into his retirement savings to make ends meet. Since Brown's phone service was off, negotiators communicated with him

via the firefighter's radios until his service was restored. After a 3½-hour standoff, police were convinced that even if they met Brown's demands, he had no intention of releasing his hostages, Walters said. "It's an unfortunate circumstance we did not want to end this way," Gwinnett County Police Cpl. Edwin Ritter said. "But with the decisions this guy was making, this was his demise." □

## Billionaire wins wine fight; jury awards him \$380K



Florida energy magnate William Koch smiles as he leaves Manhattan federal court, Thursday, April 11, 2013 in New York.

Associated Press.

**LARRY NEUMEISTER**  
**Associated Press**  
**NEW YORK (AP)** — A U.S.

billionaire said he planned to drink a glass of wine to celebrate a jury's conclu-

sion that he was defrauded by a businessman who sold him two dozen bottles of fake vintage wine at a 2005 auction. And he promised his crusade against fake wine would continue.

"It's a home run!" William Koch told a supporter immediately after the jury in U.S. District Court in Manhattan awarded him \$380,000 in compensatory damages for the counterfeit bottles of Bordeaux, which had been labeled as if they were created from 1864 to 1950.

Koch paid \$29,500 for the most expensive bottle, a 1921 magnum bottle of Chateau Petrus.

The jury returns Friday to decide if punitive damages are warranted.

Koch, a yachtsman who won the America's Cup in 1992, had accused Eric Greenberg of fraudulent misrepresentation, fraudulent concealment, deceptive business practices and false advertising.

Greenberg only shook his head when asked to comment.

For Koch, the jury verdict was part of a crusade against counterfeit wine sellers that he promised would continue. On the witness stand, he said that in 1988 he paid \$400,000 for four bottles of French wine he falsely believed had been owned by Thomas Jefferson. □

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# France's top rabbi takes leave amid scandal

**JAMEY KEATEN**  
**Associated Press**

**PARIS (AP)** — France's top rabbi announced Thursday he is taking leave from his post, hoping to end a scandal that has unsettled the Jewish community after he acknowledged "borrowing" other people's work and lying about his educational pedigree.

The Central Consistory of France accepted Rabbi Gilles Bernheim's request for time away at an urgent meeting to discuss fallout from the case. Bernheim, 60, later issued a statement apologizing to France's Jewish community, his family and friends, and saying he could no longer do his job with the necessary "serenity."

"He hopes that the serious events he is blamed for and which mark him, don't obscure all the actions carried out in the name of his various rabbinical functions over the years in the service of the divine," the statement said. "He prays to be heard in his request for forgiveness..."

Richard Prasquier, the head of France's largest umbrella group of Jewish organizations, CRIF, said by phone that two other rabbis would temporarily fill the post of Grand Rabbi of France, while Bernheim is away for at least six



**FILE -** In this July 12, 2012 file photo, France's Grand Rabbi Gilles Bernheim talks to the media after his meeting with French President Francois Hollande at the Elysee Palace in Paris

**Associated Press**

months. Talks about whether he might return at all will take place in the coming months, he said.

Bernheim faced accusations by a French academic who tracks suspected plagiarism that parts of his 2011 book "Forty Jewish Meditations," and part of a text he wrote breaking

down arguments in favor of gay marriage, same-sex parenting and adoption, were lifted from others. That text, written last fall, was cited in the Christmas address of Pope Benedict XVI last year.

Asked about the allegations Tuesday on Radio

Shalom as the scandal swelled, Bernheim said he had carried out "borrowings ... what others might call plagiarism" from others. "Not only do I deeply regret it, but I recognize it as a moral flaw," he said of one instance.

Last month, Bernheim noted that pages from Meditation No. 26 were "nearly identical" to an excerpt from a 1991 interview with late French philosopher Jean-Francois Lyotard, compiled in a later book entitled "Questions on Judaism." Later, Bernheim wrote that he'd relied on an unspecified student to help research and write the book — "a terrible error ... but for all that, I am responsible." And in the ra-

dio interview, he insisted his mistakes were not related to his job as top rabbi, and said he would not resign. Bernheim had also come under scrutiny for claiming to have received an "aggregation" — or high-level certification — in philosophy. On Radio Shalom, he acknowledged he did not actually have one, but had made the claim 37 years ago during an unspecified "tragic event."

Bernheim in the radio interview also alluded to a phrase that he attributed to Hasidim founder Israel Baal Shem Tov: "Man is the stuttering of God, and that one must know how to accept sometimes to only be able to stutter without speaking perfectly or brilliantly." □



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## Jolie joins G-8 to urge end to sexual violence



Flanked by G8 Foreign Ministers, US actress Angelina Jolie, in her role as UN envoy, talks during a news conference regarding sexual violence against women in conflict, during the G8 Foreign Ministers meeting in London, Thursday, April, 11, 2013.

Associated Press

**CASSANDRA VINOGRAD**  
Associated Press

**LONDON (AP)** — Angelina Jolie brought her celebrity wattage to London on Thursday to back an urgent cause: fighting sexual violence in military conflicts. The Hollywood star joined British Foreign Secretary

William Hague in announcing \$36 million in additional funding from G-8 nations to go toward a series of measures for preventing sexual violence and ensuring justice for its survivors. For too long, Jolie said, survivors of sexual violence have been "the forgotten

victims" of wars in the Middle East, Africa and elsewhere. "Today, I believe that their voices have been heard," she said alongside Hague, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, and others at a meeting of foreign ministers from G-8 nations.

The British foreign secretary called sexual violence in conflict "one of the greatest and most persistent injustices" in the world and said the time had come to eradicate the scourge of rape in war.

"This in my mind is the slave trade of our generation," Hague said.

"Now that we have put war-zone rape on the international agenda, it must never slip off it again and it must be given even greater prominence."

He said the G-8 ministers meeting in London have made the "historic" declaration that rape and serious sexual violence in conflicts constitute war crimes and grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions — putting responsibility on nations to search for and prosecute anyone accused of such crimes.

Jolie, who serves as a special envoy for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, welcomed the "long overdue stand" on sexual violence, saying that for too long international political will to prevent it has been "sorely lacking."

Sexual violence has been used as a weapon of war in several conflicts, including in Syria, Libya, Bosnia and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Hague said some funding will go toward training military personnel on how to respond to sexual violence, since they are often the first to encounter survivors.

Ministers also pledged to set out international standards for the investigation of rape and sexual violence, as well as to ensure there is no amnesty for sexual violence in peace agreements. □





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## North Korea hints it will soon launch a missile

JEAN H. LEE

Associated Press

PYONGYANG, North Korea

**(AP)** — Hinting at a missile launch, North Korea delivered a fresh round of war rhetoric Thursday with claims it has "powerful striking means" on standby. Seoul and Washington speculated that it is preparing to test-fire a missile designed to be capable of reaching the U.S. territory of Guam in the Pacific Ocean.

The latest rhetoric came as new U.S. intelligence was revealed showing North Korea is now probably capable of arming a ballistic missile with a nuclear warhead.

On the streets of Pyongyang, North Koreans shifted into party mode as they celebrated the anniversary of leader Kim Jong Un's appointment to the country's top party post — one in a slew of titles collected a year ago in the months after his father Kim Jong Il's death. But while there was calm in Pyongyang, there was condemnation in London, where foreign ministers from the Group of Eight nations slammed North Korea for "aggressive rhetoric" that they warned would only further isolate the impoverished, tightly controlled nation.

North Korea's provocations, including a long-range rocket launch in December and an underground nuclear test in February, "seriously undermine regional stability, jeopardize the prospects for lasting peace on the Korean Peninsula and threaten international peace and security," the ministers said in a statement.

In the capital of neighboring South Korea, the country's point person on



**In this Wednesday, April 10, 2013 photo, North Korean military officers look from a sight-seeing boat sailing on the Yalu River, the China-North Korea border river, near North Korea's town of Sinuiju, opposite to the Chinese border city of Dandong.**

Associated Press

relations with the North, Unification Minister Ryoo Kihl-jae, urged Pyongyang to engage in dialogue and reverse its decision to pull workers from a joint industrial park just north of their shared border, a move that has brought factories there to a standstill.

"We strongly urge North Korea not to exacerbate the crisis on the Korean Peninsula," Ryoo said.

North Korea probably has advanced its nuclear knowhow to the point where it could arm a ballistic missile with a nuclear warhead, but the weapon wouldn't be very reliable, the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency has concluded. The DIA assessment was revealed Thursday at a public hearing in Washington.

President Barack Obama warned the unpredictable communist regime that his administration would "take all necessary steps" to protect American citizens.

In his first public comments

since North Korea escalated its rhetoric, Obama urged the north to end its nuclear threats, saying it was time for the isolated nation "to end the belligerent approach they have taken and to try to lower temperatures."

"Nobody wants to see a conflict on the Korean Peninsula," Obama added, speaking from the Oval Office alongside United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry was headed to Seoul on Friday for talks with South Korean officials before heading on to China.

"If anyone has real leverage over the North Koreans, it is China," U.S. Director of National Intelligence James Clapper told Congress on Thursday. "And the indications that we have are that China is itself rather frustrated with the behavior and the belligerent rhetoric of ... Kim Jong Un."

In the latest threat from

Pyongyang, the Committee for the Peaceful Reunification of the Fatherland, a nonmilitary agency that deals with relations with South Korea, said "striking means" have been "put on standby for a launch and the coordinates of targets put into the warheads." It didn't clarify, but the language suggested a missile. The statement was the latest in a torrent of warlike threats seen outside Pyongyang as an effort to raise fears and pressure Seoul and Washington into changing their North Korea policies, and to show the North Korean people that their young leader is strong enough to stand up to powerful foes.

Referring to Kim Jong Un, Clapper told Congress that "I don't think ... he has much of an endgame other than to somehow elicit recognition," and to turn the nuclear threat into "negotiation and to accommodation and presumably for aid." Officials

in Seoul and Washington say Pyongyang appears to be preparing to test-fire a medium-range missile designed to be capable of reaching Guam. Foreign experts have dubbed the missile the "Musudan" after the northeastern village where North Korea has a launchpad, saying it has a range of 3,500 kilometers (2,180 miles).

Such a launch would violate U.N. Security Council resolutions prohibiting North Korea from nuclear and ballistic missile activity, and mark a major escalation in Pyongyang's standoff with neighboring nations and the United States. North Korea already has been punished by new U.N. sanctions for the rocket launch and nuclear test.

Analysts do not believe North Korea will stage an attack similar to the one that started the Korean War in 1950. But there are concerns that the animosity could spark a skirmish that could escalate into a serious conflict.

"North Korea has been, with its bellicose rhetoric, with its actions ... skating very close to a dangerous line," U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said in Washington on Wednesday. "Their actions and their words have not helped defuse a combustible situation."

Bracing for a launch that officials said could take place at any time, Seoul deployed three naval destroyers, an early warning surveillance aircraft and a land-based radar system, a Defense Ministry official said in Seoul, speaking on condition of anonymity in line with department rules. Japan deployed PAC-3 missile interceptors around Tokyo. □





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## Maduro takes narrowing lead into Sunday vote

**ALEXANDRA OLSON**  
Associated Press Writer  
**CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)**

— Red-shirted backers of Hugo Chavez's chosen heir transformed downtown Caracas into a raucous festival on the final day of campaigning for the weekend presidential election, flooding the streets Thursday in the hundreds of thousands to dance, drink beer and set off ear-splitting fireworks.

Interim President Nicolas Maduro, a burly former bus driver who served as Chavez's foreign minister and vice president, is favored to win Sunday's vote. But a poll said his advantage had narrowed as challenger Henrique Capriles hammered away at government deficiencies in fighting crime, chronic food shortages, double-digit inflation and worsening power outages. Capriles held his own huge rallies in the western states of Apure and Lara.

The crowds at Maduro's rallies overflowed into surrounding streets and turned the area into a party. One group played drums as women dressed as donkeys performed a traditional Venezuelan dance known as the "buriquita." Couples danced to romantic salsa music blaring from a truck at one street corner while blocks away screaming teenagers cheered a hip-hop group singing Chavista songs from a stage.

When Maduro finally reached the stage after a truck inched him through the sea of people, he was joined by Argentina soccer star Diego Maradona, who signed soccer balls and kicked them into the

screaming crowd. Maduro had two live parakeets perched on his shoulders — chirping birds have become a symbol of his campaign ever since he claimed that Chavez appeared to him as a bird that flew around his head. Chavez chose Maduro as his political successor in a December television address shortly before leaving for Cuba for cancer surgery. He was never seen in public again and died March 5, five months after winning a new six-year term by a wide margin against Capriles.

Maduro has capitalized on the outpouring of grief for Chavez, who galvanized poor Venezuelans with generous social programs to provide housing, cheap food, medical care and other services. He has incessantly invoked Chavez and characterized himself as a humble servant of the Chavez legacy, revealing little of his own ideas for confronting Venezuela's challenges.

For many Chavez supporters, it's enough that their late leader told them to vote for Maduro.

"It's an order given to us for a man who honored the poor, who gave this life," Efen Perez, an inspector with the state-run electrical company, said as he watched the buriquita dancers. "Why are we voting for Maduro? Because it's a legacy, it's a mission, it's an order."

Still, Maduro has started to build an image of his own and many in the crowd said they identified with his working class roots. Some people wore fake mustaches like the real one

Maduro sports and T-shirts emblazoned with buses.

"The problem is that the oligarchy, the rancid bourgeoisie, hates it that a worker, a bus driver, is the virtual president of Venezuela," Perez said.

But discontent simmers beneath the surface. Venezuela has one of the world's highest homicide rates and strict currency controls have strangled production and brought chronic food shortages. Lack of investment and inefficient management has hurt the electrical grid, causing power outages that last hours.

A poll by local firm Datanalisis said nearly 55 percent of respondents favored Maduro's candidacy, compared to 45 percent who said they would vote for Capriles. It's a comfortable lead but smaller than the 14-point advantage that Maduro held in a Datanalisis poll just after Chavez's death.

The poll, taken for Credit Suisse and other private firms, was conducted April 1-5 and released Thursday. It interviewed 1,300 people nationwide and had a margin of error of about three percentage points.

Capriles told supporters at a rally Thursday that he was the best choice for reactivating the economy.

"We are the best guarantee of economic recovery for our Venezuela," he said. □



Venezuela's acting President Nicolas Maduro greets supporters as he arrives to Bolivar Ave. for his closing campaign rally in Caracas, Venezuela, Thursday, April 11, 2013.

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# Iraq national museum long way from public opening

**DIAA HADID**

**Associated Press**

**BAGHDAD (AP)** — In Iraq's national museum, home to some of the world's most precious artifacts of ancient Mesopotamia, a caption beside a skeleton simply reads in English: "dated to very old time."

And some of the museum's most impressive pieces carry no labels at all — like a giant stone head lying on the ground that may or may not belong on a nearby empty pedestal labeled "Assyrian King Nimrod," the Biblical tormentor of the patriarch Abraham. Ten years after Iraq's national museum was looted and smashed by frenzied thieves during the U.S.-led invasion in 2003 to topple Saddam Hussein, it's still far from ready for a public re-opening. Work to overcome decades of neglect and the destruction of war has been hindered by power struggles, poorly-skilled staff and the persistent violence plaguing the country, said Bahaa Mayah, Iraq's most senior antiquities official.

"I wish that the great historical Baghdad would appear in her finest face and that the Iraq museum opens," said Mayah, the head of antiquities in the Tourism and Antiquities Ministry.

"But our wishes crash against the unfortunate reality we live in."

The museum was once the showcase for 7,000 years of history in Mesopotamia, birthplace of some of the first cities and one of the first writing systems — cuneiform — and home to a succession of major civilizations, including the Sumerian, Babylonian and Assyrian, through to a flourishing Islamic empire.

The museum was left a wreck the day after Baghdad fell to U.S. troops on April 10, 2003. Ancient clay scrolls and pottery littered the floor. Looters made off with everything from gold bowls and ritual funeral masks to elaborate head-dresses. The U.S. was sharply criticized for not protecting the museum.



**In this Tuesday, April 2, 2013 file photo, a school student visits the restored Iraqi National Museum in Baghdad, Iraq.**



**A recovered antiquity is displayed at the Iraqi National Museum in Baghdad, Iraq, Monday, April 1, 2013.**

**Associated Press**

Because the museum's inventory was never completed, it's uncertain how many pieces were stolen, but the number is estimated at 15,000 pieces. More than a quarter have been retrieved, said Mayah, who has overseen the museum formally since 2012 but has been involved in its renovations for the past five years. Renovations began soon after the museum was smashed up in 2003, starting with the basics, like computers, office furniture, air conditioning. By mid-2004, the museum was re-wired for electricity and most basic repairs to its structure completed. Since then, the U.S. and Italian governments have helped

renovate the halls. But work has been slow. Only five of 30 exhibition halls have been renovated so far — and two of those have to be done again because they were improperly done. As a result, the museum is still not open to the general public. Its only visitors are specially arranged foreign delegations, Iraqi officials and field trips by Iraqi students. It's part of a broader problem of preservation of antiquities in Iraq. There are over 12,000 registered archaeological sites in Iraq but they are mostly not protected, allowing for widespread, ongoing looting, Mayah said. The museum itself was shut-

tered from the early 1990s by regime officials who said they feared for its safety, as Saddam mired the country in war, leading to crippling sanctions. The closure meant the museum's inventory wasn't updated. Sanctions meant



**In this Wednesday, April 3, 2013 photo, a statue from the Kingdom of Nimrod from the ninth century B.C. is displayed at the Iraqi National Museum in Baghdad, Iraq.**

**Associated Press**

staff couldn't update their skills, and many qualified employees left amid an exodus of Iraqis from the country.

In a central Baghdad quarter, the museum is surrounded by high concrete blast walls. Guards check bags in a caravan set up in the neglected museum

garden. The main entrance is under construction, so visitors enter through a corridor leading to administrative rooms.

On a recent visit by The Associated Press, the renovated exhibition halls were eerily quiet, with gleaming floors and shining display cases, the artifacts encased neatly inside. The sound of workers employing drills was palpable as they renovated another hall. A ladder was strewn under a map of ancient Mesopotamia.

Two of the renovated rooms are meant to showcase the Sumerian civilization, which emerged some 3,000 years ago. But the sparse labels on the artifacts shed little light on the antiquities that represent some of humankind's most important milestones. Many labels lacked the age of the artifact, where it was found, what civilization it belonged to, or what its use was. Some didn't have labels at all. Nowhere in the hall — or anywhere else — is it explained who the Sumerians were or how they influenced later civilizations. In one of the displays lay a skeleton in the earth it was found in, alongside rings and jars. A printed label beside it read: "A human skeleton found in situ, put beside him some Jars and rings between him dated to very old time."

The label on a fist-sized figurine of a monkey clutching his ears simply identifies it as "some monkey."

A hand-sized stone carving in one display case was described as "the legendary hero Gilgamesh wrestling with two lions, early 3rd millennium," with no further explanation of who Gilgamesh was — the Sumerian hero-king of one of the first written stories in history. U.K.-based Iraqi archaeologist Lamia al-Gailani, who follows the museum's renovations, said labels were lacking because the outdated inventory didn't list the pieces and the staff, lacking expertise, weren't familiar with the pieces' background. □





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**Palm Beach** – The Annual Tourism Conference Aruba, attracting more than 70 delegates, among them major North American tour operators, airline representatives and travel-website executives convened on the island for intense three-day meetings. The visiting dignitaries met with their local counterparts, the island's hospitality executives and the Aruba Tourism Authority, for a series of business sessions and three nights of tropical enchantment.

For the ATCA farewell banquet, the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa orchestrated a lovely party under the stars with live music by the Party Posse. The resort's culinary brigade prepared an elaborate dinner buffet of local and international specialties while Director of Sales Arianne Valentino, and General Manager Mark Lyttleton Frances, thanked the travel professionals for taking the time to visit Aruba and get to know the Radisson team, prepared and eager to do business with individuals and groups in North America. □





## Dutch television program 'Het mooiste meisje van de klas' records at Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino



**ORANJESTAD**– Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino recently hosted the production crew of Dutch television program 'Het mooiste meisje van de klas' produced by TROS. The program presented by Jaap Jongbloed features the lives of 8 different women

who were the most beautiful girls of their class from 1970 until 1990. During the show they go back to their childhood, remember their youth, hear testimonials of former classmates, and share their past experience and present life.

The special recording in Aruba at the Renaissance Mall and Renaissance Island featured twin sisters; one who lives in Aruba and the other one residing in Holland. On pictures some behind the scenes images. □





## Press members from Denmark and Sweden enjoy Amazonia Churrascaria's hospitality



**Palm Beach** – A group of press-members from Denmark and Sweden was invited to visit Aruba this week, staying at the Marriott Aruba Resort & Stellaris Casino. The dignitaries arrived here on board a charter flight, from Gothenburg, Sweden, the last of this winter's season, and upon their return to their respective cold countries, will be describing

their warm and sunny experiences and hopefully enticing their countrymen to also make the trip, on board next winter's direct charter flights from Copenhagen! Promoting Aruba as guests of the Aruba Tourism Authority, the group of journalists took in the sights, sounds and tastes of the island and on their only free night decided to have a feast, a

veritably treat, in the form of dinner at Amazonia Churrascaria. They are pictured here just prior to their much-anticipated culinary experience, at the restaurant bar! Having been raised on seafood, the Northerners simply loved the decadent and abundant grilled meats carved table-side by the restaurant's roaming gauchos. □

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## Caribbean Palm Village Bestows First Quarter Merit Awards



**Noord** -- Kanjah Howell from the Front Desk of Caribbean Palm Village Resort won the ultimate distinction for the first quarter of 2013, when she was named winner, of the coveted Employee of the Quarter title. When asked about her work at the intimate time-

share property, she simply declared, I love it, which indicates how passionate and dedicated she is, delivering first-class service to resort patrons, their family members and their guests. Nominated along with the winner Jean Philemon, Housekeeping, Cedric



Tromp, Maintenance, and Kathleen Kelly, Accounting, all acknowledged for their willingness to help at all time, and for their professional conduct and prompt response.

The First Quarter Merit Awards were presented just recently by Interim General Manager Astrid Muller and Dan Maloof, Vice President of the Board of Directors at a casual get-together, over refreshments and snacks. Additionally, an impres-

sive list of resort employees were praised for going the extra mile, and received special certificates for their fast and appropriate reactions, such as Cedric Tromp, Maintenance and Janet Brinkmann, Housekeeping, who helped reverse a laundry malfunction, Francis Kelly and Miladys Sarmiento, both of Housekeeping who assisted a colleague who slipped down a flight of stairs. Other Extra Mile certificate recipients in-

cluded Carlos Henao, Richard Webb, Jean Merisier, Ramona Ras, Franklin Oduber, all member of Maintenance, and Juanita Dorthal, Yolanda Caraballo, and Elsa Croes, members of Housekeeping, Evelyn Boekhoudt of the Front Desk, Farley Croes of Activities and Adriana Tromp of the Accounting. Pictured here, the gathering at Caribbean Palm Village Resort celebrating excellence. □





## NBA Capsules



Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant holds out three fingers after hitting a three point shot during the second half of an NBA basketball game against the Portland Trail Blazers in Portland, Ore., Wednesday, April 10, 2013.  
Associated Press

## Bryant has 47 in Lakers' Win over Blazers

**The Associated Press**  
**PORTLAND, Oregon (AP)** — Kobe Bryant scored a season-high 47 points as the Los Angeles Lakers pulled closer to a playoff berth with a 113-106 victory over the short-handed Portland Trail Blazers on Wednesday. The Lakers moved a game up on the Utah Jazz for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Western Conference. Portland, missing the playoffs for the second straight season, has lost nine straight, the most since an 11-game skid in the 2005-06 season. Rookie Damian Lillard led the Blazers with a career-high 38 points. Pau Gasol had 23 points, seven rebounds and nine assists, while Dwight Howard added 20 points and 10 rebounds for the Lakers. Bryant was 18 of 18 from the free throw line.

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# Uh oh! SERGIO



**Garcia, Leishman tied for Masters lead**

Sergio Garcia, of Spain, reacts to a missed putt on the 13th green during the first round of the Masters golf tournament Thursday, April 11, 2013, in Augusta, Ga.

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## AL Capsules

# Machado's 3-run HR lifts O's over Red Sox 8-5

**The Associated Press**

**BOSTON (AP)** — Manny Machado's three-run homer capped a five-run ninth inning and gave the Baltimore Orioles an 8-5 win over the Boston Red Sox on Wednesday night.

The Red Sox had gone ahead 5-3 in the sixth on consecutive homers by Daniel Nava and Jarrod Saltalamacchia. But closer Joel Hanrahan couldn't hold the lead on a night when their nearly 10-year home sellout streak ended after two seasons in which they missed the playoffs.

Chris Davis led off the ninth with his fifth homer. Hanrahan (0-1) retired the next two batters, then allowed a single by Ryan Flaherty. He then walked Nolan Reimold and Nate McLouth to load the bases and threw a wild pitch that brought pinch runner Alexi Casilla home with the tying run.

On the next pitch, Machado hit the ball over the Green Monster for his first homer. Darren O'Day (1-0) got the win and Jim John-

son pitched the ninth for his third save.

Boston's sellout streak began on May 15, 2003, lasted 820 games, including the postseason, and was the longest in major pro sports history. It broke the record of 814 set by the NBA's Portland Trail Blazers from 1977-95.

**BLUE JAYS 8, TIGERS 6**  
**DETROIT (AP)** — J.P. Arencibia hit a three-run double in the seventh inning and Toronto rallied from a five-run deficit to beat Detroit. Detroit led 6-1 in the sixth, but starter Rick Porcello allowed hits to the first three batters. They all eventually scored, and Toronto added four more runs the following inning. Brayan Villarreal (0-1) came on with one on and one out in the seventh and proceeded to walk three straight hitters, forcing in a run. Arencibia followed with a drive to the gap in left-center off Octavio Dotel.

Aaron Loup (1-0) pitched a scoreless sixth for the Blue Jays. Casey Janssen, the



**Baltimore Orioles' Manny Machado points up as he crosses the plate on a three-run home run in the ninth inning of a baseball game against the Boston Red Sox in Boston, Wednesday, April 10, 2013. The Orioles won 8-5.**

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last of five Toronto relievers, pitched a perfect ninth for his second save.

**RAYS 2, RANGERS 0**

**ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)** —

Matt Moore and four Rays relievers combined on a five-hitter and Tampa Bay beat Texas in the coldest day game ever at Rangers

Ballpark.

It was only 39 degrees when the game started after a rain delay of 1 hour, 29 minutes. That was 40 degrees colder than Tuesday night.

Evan Longoria had a sacrifice fly for the Rays, who snapped a three-game losing streak. Their other run came on a grounder after Derek Holland (0-1) walked the bases loaded, his only three walks in his eight innings. Moore (2-0) limited Texas to a single and struck out five in five-plus innings, but walked six.

**ROYALS 3, TWINS 0**

**KANSAS CITY, Missouri (AP)** — Wade Davis pitched out of bases loaded jams in the first two innings, Billy Butler and Jeff Francoeur homered and Kansas City the Minnesota to sweep the three-game set.

Butler homered in the first, while Francoeur led off the seventh with a home run to extend his hitting streak to seven games. The Royals got another run in the seventh when Alcides Escobar's single scored Chris Getz. Salvador Perez had three of the nine Kansas City hits.

Davis (1-0) held the Twins to four singles in five scoreless innings, striking out six, walking three and hitting a batter. Twins right-hander Liam Hendriks (0-1) took the loss.

**ATHLETICS 11, ANGELS 5**

**ANAHEIM, California (AP)** — Brandon Moss tied a career high with five RBIs, including his second homer in two games, and Oakland extended its winning streak to seven games with a victory over Los Angeles. Moss finished with four hits. His other five-RBI game was on Sept. 29 against Seattle, when he hit a game-ending, three-run homer in the 10th inning to give Oakland a 7-4 victory. It came during a season-ending six-game winning streak that propelled the A's to their first AL West title since 2006. Tommy Milone (2-0) threw 106 pitches over five innings, allowing four runs, seven hits and three walks.

## Croatia 4th in FIFA rankings; Brazil drops down to 19

**ZURICH (AP)** — Croatia made a big move to No. 4 in the FIFA rankings after two World Cup qualifying wins, and tournament host Brazil dropped to No. 19 on Thursday. World and European champion Spain led an unchanged top three, ahead of Germany and Argentina, after a busy month of World Cup qualifying. Croatia's victories over Serbia and Wales lifted it five places, and No. 5 Portugal climbed two spots. Colombia remained No. 6, followed by England and Italy, which both fell three places, and the Netherlands.

Ecuador entered the top 10 for the first time, rising one place, and No. 12 Ivory Coast is the top-ranked African team.



**Bayern's forward Mario Mandzukic of Croatia celebrates his side's 1-0 win over Juventus, at the end of a Champions League, quarterfinal, second-leg soccer match at the Juventus stadium in Turin, Italy, Wednesday, April 10, 2013.**

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Mexico is up one to No. 14, and the United States rose five places to No. 28. The CONCACAF rivals drew 0-0

in Mexico City last month. Rankings weigh results over a four-year cycle and Brazil, which fell one place, has

dropped while playing no World Cup qualifiers. The five-time world champion drew with Italy and No. 11 Russia last month.

Japan heads the Asian confederation nations at No. 29, a fall of three places. Rising in the top 50 were Peru (No. 32, up nine); Ukraine (No. 37, up 11); Albania (No. 48, up 16); and Wales (No. 49, up 22).

Equatorial Guinea rose 45 places to No. 59 after beating Cape Verde 4-3 in a World Cup qualifier, but could lose the victory and ranking points after FIFA completes an investigation into whether it fielded an ineligible player.

Qatar fell four places to No. 102 after the 2022 World Cup host lost to South Korea in a 2014 qualifier. □



# Garcia, Leishman shoot 66 for Masters lead

**PAUL NEWBERRY**  
**AP National Writer**

**AUGUSTA, Georgia (AP)** — Sergio Garcia turned in a bogey-free round to claim a share of the Masters lead on Thursday.

Garcia shot a 6-under 66, leaving him tied with Australia's Marc Leishman and matching the Spaniard's best score ever at Augusta National.

This is a course that has never suited Garcia's game — especially his shaky putter. But he breezed around without a bogey on his card for the first time since 2002.

"Obviously, this is not my most favorite place," Garcia said, trying to be diplomatic. "But we try to enjoy it as much as we can every time we come here. Sometimes it comes out better than others. Today was one of those good days. Let's enjoy it while it lasts."

It's still hard to think this might be where Garcia wins his first major championship. He's had only two top-10 finishes in 14 Masters appearances.

But the way he played in the opening round could mean a change in fortune. Dustin Johnson is one stroke back at 67. Tiger Woods is just four shots off the lead after a 70.

The Spaniard took advantage, rekindling memories of the teen-aged phenom known as "El Nino," who seemed certain to win numerous major titles after he battled with Woods at the 1999 PGA Championship, losing by a single stroke.

Garcia has challenged in other majors, but rarely at the Masters — a course that just doesn't seem to fit his style or shaky putter. In 14 previous appearances at Augusta National, he has finished in the top 10 only twice.

Last year, after a dismal third round took him out of contention, he bluntly conceded that he didn't think he was capable of winning a major.

After the final round, he didn't back off that discouraging assessment.

Obviously, he feels different now — though there's



**Marc Leishman, of Australia, discusses his shot with his caddie Matthew Kelly in the rough off the 17th fairway during the first round of the Masters golf tournament Thursday, April 11, 2013, in Augusta, Ga.**



**Tiger Woods hits on the first fairway during the first round of the Masters golf tournament Thursday, April 11, 2013, in Augusta, Ga.**

still some trepidation in his voice about carrying what he did in the opening round through three more rounds. "Every time I tee off in a tournament, the goal is to play the best I can and have a chance at winning. That doesn't change this week," Garcia said. "Today was a nice day, one of those days you really enjoy. Hopefully I'll have three more of those and we'll see what happens on Sunday night."

With all eyes on Woods, the overwhelming favorite, plenty of others stood out amid the azaleas and tow-

ering Georgia pines. There was Leishman, who had played two whole rounds at Augusta National.

There was David Lynn, a Masters rookie who was just two strokes back. So much for local knowledge.

Lynn was the early clubhouse leader, then Leishman surged to the front with four straight birdies on the back side starting at No. 13. The Australian sure didn't play like someone who had missed the cut in his only other Masters appearance in 2010.

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"The first time I was here," Leishman recalled, "I was like a bit of a deer in headlights, I guess. I found myself looking around a little bit too much and not concentrating on getting the ball in the hole."

He was hardly on a roll coming into Augusta, having missed the cut in his two previous PGA Tour events. But it all came together, for one day at least.

"To be sitting here is pretty cool," Leishman said. "But it's only Thursday afternoon, so a lot of golf to play."

No Australian has ever won the Masters.

Lynn, an Englishman, showed his runner-up finish to Rory McIlroy in last year's PGA Championship was no fluke. He birdied four of five holes around the turn and rolled in a testy 15-foot putt at the final hole to save par. "It's about playing the percentages," Lynn said. "When I was on the ninth, I turned to my caddie and said, 'We're leading the Masters.'"

He just looked at me and smiled. I told him, 'I'd rather be leading it Sunday afternoon.' But it's not a bad thing to see your name up there leading the Masters. That's always something I can look back on."

Lynn moved from the European to the American tour this year, a change that seems to have rejuvenated his passion for the game.

"It's given me a second wind," Lynn said. "Everything is new. I'm going to different places every week, different courses. It's like I've started my career again almost."

Lynn was joined at 68 by a group that included Rickie Fowler, who went on the wildest ride of the day — a 4-under score despite two double-bogeys.

Jamie Donaldson turned in the shot of the day, acing the 180-yard sixth for the 24th hole-in-one in Masters history.

He is only the fifth player to make a 1 at the hole known as Juniper, with its towering tee box and a green at the bottom of the hill. Donaldson was the first to do it since Chris DiMarco in 2004.

Woods was still the favorite after opening with a 70. But it appears he'll have a lot of competition.

"I felt like I putted well today," said Woods, whose only lower opening-round score at Augusta was a 68 in 2010. "We've got a long way to go. I've just got to out there and play shot for shot. The golf course is going to change dramatically. You've just got to make adjustments."

Woods has already won three times this year and reclaimed his No. 1 spot in the world rankings.

But he hasn't captured a major since 2008, and it's been eight long years since he claimed his fourth green jacket at Augusta. He is still four majors shy of tying Jack Nicklaus' record 18 championships — a mark that becomes a little more daunting each time the 37-year-old Woods fails to win one of golf's biggest events.

Guan Tianlang of China is just getting started. At age 14, he was the youngest player to ever qualify for the Masters, but showed he belonged with a solid 73 that included a 15-foot birdie from the fringe at the final hole. □



# Westbrook throws shutout, Cards tee off on Reds

**The Associated Press**

**ST. LOUIS (AP)** — Jake Westbrook pitched a five-hitter as the St. Louis Cardinals backed him with four home runs Wednesday in routing the Cincinnati Reds 10-0.

**NL Capsules** Jon Jay, Carlos Beltran and Matt Adams homered in a span of seven at-bats off Homer Bailey as the Cardinals took two of three from the NL Central champions.

Matt Carpenter added a two-run homer on a four-hit day. Adams homered for the second straight game and added an RBI double and a walk.

The Cardinals have dominated the Reds at home the last decade, losing just three of 28 series with two splits.

Westbrook (1-1) threw his fourth career shutout, walking four and striking out three. It was his first shutout since Aug. 9, 2006, against the Angels with Cleveland, and his 15th career complete game. He even contributed an RBI single for St. Louis' final run.

Bailey (1-1) had gone 23 straight shutout innings — including his no-hitter against Pittsburgh last season — before the Cardinals broke open a scoreless game with four runs with two outs in the fifth.

**BRAVES 8, MARLINS 0**

**MIAMI (AP)** — Evan Gattis hit a three-run homer and Atlanta completed its second consecutive three-game sweep when it beat the reeling Miami Marlins. Mike Minor (2-0) pitched 5 2-3 innings for the Braves, whose 8-1 record leads the majors. They're off to their best start since 1994, when they began the season 13-1.

The Marlins have the worst record in the big leagues at 1-8. They've scored just 16 runs, and with five consecutive losses they're off to their worst start since the 1998 team began the season 1-11.

Miami kept the game scoreless until the fifth, when Gattis hit his third homer in a six-run inning. The rookie also singled and is batting .391 with a slugging percentage of .826.

Juan Francisco hit a two-run homer off the facade of the upper deck in center field, Andrelton Simmons drove in two runs and Jordan Schafer had four of Atlanta's 13 hits.

For the second night in a row, the Marlins drew the smallest crowd since their park opened a year ago. Announced attendance was 13,810.

Miami went 0 for 9 with runners in scoring position and is batting .153 in those situations. Alex Sanabia (1-1)



St. Louis Cardinals starting pitcher Jake Westbrook throws against the Cincinnati Reds in the ninth inning of a baseball game on Wednesday, April 10, 2013, at Busch Stadium in St. Louis. Associated Press

gave up six runs, all in his fifth and final inning.

**GIANTS 10, ROCKIES 0**

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)**

— Buster Posey drove in three runs while NBA star Kevin Durant cheered him from the stands, Barry Zito pitched another gem and San Francisco completed a three-game sweep of Colorado.

Staked to a quick lead, Zito (2-0) won his 11th straight decision, dating

to last year's postseason. San Francisco earned its 16th consecutive victory in games he has started, the longest such run by a Giants pitcher since 16 in a row by Carl Hubbell for New York in 1936, STATS said.

Zito has thrown 14 scoreless innings so far, the deepest the lefty has gone without giving up a run to start a season in his 14-year career.

Posey hit an RBI triple in the first, a run-scoring double in the second and an RBI single in the fifth. He scored twice.

The Giants won their ninth in a row overall against Colorado. They also have beaten the Rockies nine straight times at AT&T Park. Andres Torres hit a two-run single for the Giants, who chased Jeff Francis (1-1) in the second inning for the shortest start of his career. San Francisco had a season-high 16 hits a day after getting 14.

**DIAMONDBACKS 10, PIRATES 2**

**PHOENIX (AP)** — A.J. Pollock homered twice, doubled and drove in four runs as Arizona salvaged the finale of its three-game series against Pittsburgh.

Pollock began the day in an 0-for-14 rut. He also made a diving catch in center field to rob Andrew McCutchen in the first inning. Wade Miley (2-0) allowed two runs on five hits in 6 2-3 innings.

Jonathan Sanchez (0-2) was charged with nine runs and eight hits in 3 1-3 innings. The last two of those runs came after Sanchez left and reliever Chris Leroux walked two batters, on four pitches each, with the bases loaded in the Diamondbacks' four-run fourth.

**PHILLIES 7, METS 3**

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — Domonic Brown and Chase Utley homered in a five-run first, Kyle Kendrick threw six effective innings and Philadelphia beat New York.

Pinch-hitter Laynce Nix also went deep for the Phillies, who took two straight from the Mets to earn their first series win of the year.

John Buck homered for the third straight game and Lucas Duda had two solo shots for New York. The Mets set a club record by hitting at least one homer in their first nine games.

Kendrick (1-1) allowed two runs and eight hits to become the first Philadelphia starter other than Cliff Lee to get a win.

Mets starter Jeremy Hefner (0-2) gave up five runs and six hits in three innings. □

## NBA Capsules

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**HEAT 103, WIZARDS 98**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Ray Allen scored 23 points, LeBron James and Dwyane Wade chilled at the end of the bench, and Miami's B-squad gave the resting A-team the gift of home-court advantage throughout the playoffs, clinching the best record in the NBA. With James (right hamstring) and Wade (sprained ankle and bruised knee) looking like two guys sitting at a bus stop, and Chris Bosh at home with flu-like symptoms, plus Udonis Haslem getting the night off because of a sore right ankle, the what-was-left-over of the Heat committed 25 turnovers but still managed



Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant, left, drives on Portland Trail Blazers guard Will Barton during the first quarter of an NBA basketball game in Portland, Ore., Wednesday, April 10, 2013. Associated Press

the win that assured they'll finish better than the Western Conference-leading San Antonio Spurs.

The Heat, who have won four straight, also set a franchise record for victories with 62, moving one ahead of the 1996-97 team. They also improved to 14-1 on the second night of back-to-backs.

A.J. Price tied a career high with 23 points and John Wall had 17 points, 11 assists and nine rebounds for the Wizards, who had won nine straight at home.

**NUGGETS 96, SPURS 86**

**DENVER (AP)** — Wilson Chandler scored 29 points and Corey Brewer had 28 as Denver overcame a slow start to post its franchise-record 21st straight home win. □



# Bruins extend Devils' woes, regain 1st in NE



Anaheim Ducks' Emerson Etem, top, and Colorado Avalanche's Greg Zanon collide as they go after the puck during the second period of an NHL hockey game in Anaheim, Calif., Wednesday, April 10, 2013

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### NEWARK, New Jersey (AP)

— Gregory Campbell scored twice in a three-goal first period as the Boston Bruins regained first place in the Northeast Division with a 5-4 victory over the reeling New Jersey Devils on Wednesday night.

### NHL Capsules

In winning for the fifth time in six games, the Bruins scored three times against Martin Brodeur in the opening 8:12, took a four-goal lead and then held on. Daniel Paille and Campbell capped the outburst with short-handed goals in a 3:21 span. Zdeno Chara and Tyler Seguin also scored and backup goaltender Anton Khudobin made 24 saves as the Bruins (56 points) moved a point ahead of the Montreal Canadiens with nine games to play in the lock-out-shortened season. Patrik Elias, Travis Zajac, Andy Greene and Matt D'Agostini scored for New Jersey, which has lost eight straight (0-4-4) in seeing its playoff hopes fade. The slide is its longest since 1985-86.

### Rangers 3, Maple Leafs 2, SO

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Mats Zuccarello scored the lone goal in the shootout, and the York Rangers overcame another two-goal performance by Toronto's

Phil Kessel.

The Rangers moved back into seventh place in the Eastern Conference. Zuccarello, called out before the game by Rangers coach John Tortorella to score more, connected in the second round of the tiebreaker against James Reimer. Henrik Lundqvist turned aside all three Toronto shooters, and the Rangers (20-16-4) moved into a flat-footed tie with the New York Islanders, who had claimed seventh on Tuesday.

The area rivals will meet Saturday on Long Island. The Ottawa Senators also are even with the Rangers and Islanders with 44 points at the bottom of the East race. Toronto has 49 points.

### Avalanche 4, Ducks 1

**ANAHEIM, California (AP)** — Matt Duchene had a goal and an assist, and the NHL-worst Avalanche prevented Anaheim from clinching a playoff spot. Two days after ripping his teammates' work ethic and focus, Jean-Sebastien Giguere made 21 saves in his first win in nearly two months for Colorado, which snapped a five-game skid. The Avs responded to their veteran goalie's criticism with their most impressive victory in a month, scoring three goals in the second period of just their third road win all

season to snap a 14-game winless streak away from Denver. Teemu Selanne scored his 674th career goal for the weary Pacific Division leaders, who had won five of seven. Anaheim could have finalized its postseason plans, but Jonas Hiller stopped just 12 of 16 shots behind a porous Ducks defense.

### Coyotes 3, Oilers 1

**EDMONTON, Alberta (AP)** — David Moss and Boyd Gordon each had a goal and an assist as the Coyotes stayed firmly in the playoff picture.

Antoine Vermette also scored for the Coyotes, 5-1-2 in their last eight games. They sit in ninth place in the Western Conference, one point back of the idle Detroit Red Wings for the final playoff berth.

Nail Yakupov responded for the Oilers, who are sliding out of contention, having lost four in a row. They trail Detroit by four points. Phoenix and Edmonton each have eight games remaining.

### Canucks 4, Flames 1

**CALGARY, Alberta (AP)** — Roberto Luongo, in a surprise start, made 40 saves and Maxim Lapierre scored the go-ahead goal. Andrew Ebbett centered a pass that Lapierre swatted behind Miikka Kiprusoff from the top of the crease, breaking a 1-1 tie with 9:23

left in regulation.

Up until that goal, most of the play in the third period was in Vancouver's end, where Luongo was sharp, turning aside dangerous chance after chance. Calgary outshot the Canucks 41-29, including 18-9 in the final 20 minutes. Alex Burrows, Mason Raymond and Daniel Sedin also scored for Vancou-

ver, winner of nine of its last 12. The Canucks, who began a five-game road trip, opened a six-point lead atop the Northwest Division over Minnesota.

**In other NHL games it was N.Y. Rangers 3, Toronto 2, SO; Boston 5, New Jersey 4; Vancouver 4, Calgary 1; Phoenix 3, Edmonton 1; and Colorado 4, Anaheim 1.**

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# Implanted 'bracelet' helps treat chronic heartburn

**MARILYNN MARCHIONE**

AP Chief Medical Writer

A tiny magnetic bracelet implanted at the base of the throat is greatly improving life for some people with chronic heartburn who get limited relief from medicines. It's a novel way to treat severe acid reflux, which plagues millions of Americans and can raise their risk for more serious health problems.

It happens when a weak muscle doesn't close after swallowing as it should. That lets stomach juices splash back into the throat. Drugs like Nexium and Prilosec reduce acid. But they don't fix the underlying problem, called GERD, or gastroesophageal reflux disease. Rodd Foster had it so bad he used to sleep sitting up to keep his dinner down. Tricia Carr worried she would develop complications like the one that killed her mother.

Both Californians got help from the new device, approved a year ago by the federal Food and Drug Administration and also sold in Europe. The treatment was "life-changing," said Foster, a 61-year-old plumbing contractor, California. "It's

been 30 years since I've been able to eat normally and now I can eat any-

belly. The ring reinforces the weak muscle to keep it closed, yet is flexible and

\$12,000 to \$20,000 depending on hospital charges, said Dr. John Lipham, a



Surgeon Dr. John Lipham holds a sample Linx device at the Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian in Newport Beach, Calif. on Thursday, April 4, 2013.

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thing anytime."

The Linx device, made by Torax Medical Inc., of St. Paul, Minnesota, is a ring of titanium beads with magnets inside. Doctors place it around the weak muscle at the base of the esophagus in a half-hour operation using a scope and "keyhole" incisions in the

expands to let food pass when someone swallows. The ring comes in multiple sizes; it is about a half-inch (1 centimeter) in diameter and expands to about 1.5 inches (3 centimeters). People don't feel it once it is implanted.

The device costs \$5,000; the operation can run

surgeon who offers it at the University of Southern California and at Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian in Newport Beach. Many insurers cover it for patients who are not helped enough by antacid medicines.

"It is a clever device," said another doctor who has

used it — Dr. Donald Castell, a gastroenterologist at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. The magnets "just bolster a little bit the pressure that is normally there" and help seal off the stomach juices, he said.

Both doctors consult for Torax. A third expert with no financial ties to the company — Dr. Daniel DeMarco of Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas — said early results with the device have been "very impressive." But only time will tell if they hold up for many years, he said.

As many as 20 million Americans have GERD. It's not just a quality-of-life issue: Chronic acid reflux can raise the risk of a condition called Barrett's esophagus, which in turn can raise the risk of throat cancer.

"No one doubts that reflux should be treated," but most people get enough relief from acid-lowering medicines, said Dr. Brian Reid. □

He's director of the Barrett's esophagus program at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle. Antacids didn't work for Carr, a 54-year-old nurse.

"You're having a wonderful time and all of a sudden it hurts. It's horrible," she said. Her mother had a serious complication from chronic reflux — lung scarring that led to her death. "So I really was anxious about having my GERD fixed," Carr said.

Lipham gave a presentation on the device at a staff training session at Hoag, the Newport Beach hospital where Carr works.

"After his talk I went right over to him and said, 'I need one of those things,'" she said. The device, which she received in October at the USC hospital in Los Angeles, "completely fixed it immediately," she said of her reflux.

A side benefit: She eats more slowly and chews her food more to avoid swallowing problems that some people have right after surgery. And she said that has helped her drop 10 pounds (4.5 kilograms). □

## U.S. study shows antibiotic overuse

**MIKE STOBBE**

AP Medical Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — U.S. doctors are prescribing enough antibiotics to give them to 4 out of 5 Americans every year, an alarming pace that suggests they are being overused, a new government study finds.

Overuse is one reason antibiotics are losing their punch, making infections harder to treat. The report released Wednesday gives the first detailed look at usage of these medicines in every state and finds it highest in the South and Appalachia.

"It sounds high," said Keith Rodvold, a professor of pharmacy practice at the University of Illinois at Chi-

cago.

There is no scientific consensus on an appropriate level of antibiotic prescribing. But some experts said the new study's results are disturbing, and that rates are probably excessive even in the states with the lowest antibiotic prescription levels.

Antibiotics have been commonly available since the 1940s, and have done wonders at saving patients with infections ranging from pneumonia to sexually spread diseases. But bacteria have increasingly gained the power to shrug off antibiotics.

Experts say chances of resistance increase when antibiotics are not used long



enough or are taken for the wrong reasons, allowing bacteria to survive and adapt. The Centers for Disease control and Prevention is tracking at least 20 strains of resistant bacteria. CDC researchers conducted the new study, analyzing a national prescription drug database for 2010. The findings are being published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

Other studies have focused on antibiotic prescriptions for specific groups like Medicare patients. This is the first to look at it for all Americans.

Doctors and other health care providers prescribed 258 million courses of antibiotics in 2010, for a population just shy of 309 million, the researchers found. That translates to 833 antibiotic prescriptions for every 1,000 people, on average.



## Review: Home shields you from non-Facebook tasks

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AP Technology Writer

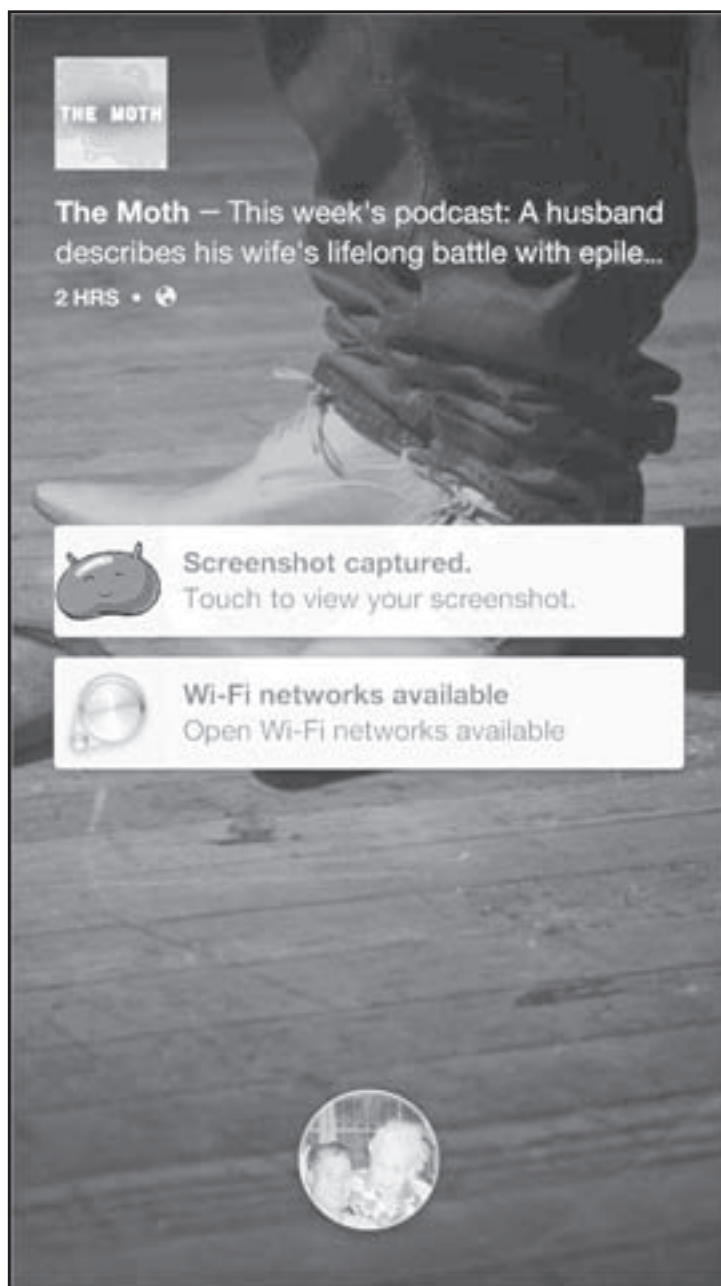
**NEW YORK (AP)** — When I got my first smartphone in 2010, I checked Facebook obsessively. But over time, the novelty wore off and opening Facebook's app to check photos, links and posts from friends turned into a chore.

In a sense, I'm the ideal target for Facebook's new Home app. Those photos, links and posts I couldn't be bothered to check on the social network's app automatically come to the screen when I turn on the phone. I can see friends' musings scroll by, as photos they've chosen to highlight take up the entire screen in the background. A new one appears every seven seconds.

It's as if Facebook has taken over the phone's prime real estate and pushed Foursquare, email, weather, YouTube and my alarm clock to the slums.

Home is ideal for people whose lives are centered on Facebook. Others might not feel at home.

At first, the free app is available only on certain phones running Google's Android operating system — HTC Corp.'s One, One X and One X Plus and Samsung Electronics Co.'s Galaxy S III and Galaxy Note 2. It will work on the Galaxy S 4 when the phone goes on sale in the coming weeks. If you have a Facebook app already installed on one of those phones, you'll get a prompt when Home is ready to download on Friday. Otherwise, visit the



This screen image shows Facebook Home running on Google's Android operating system.

Associated Press

phone's Google Play store to get it. Home comes already installed on the HTC First, which ships Friday and costs \$100 in the U.S. with a two-year AT&T Inc. service contract. I had a chance to spend several hours with a First that Facebook Inc. lent me to try out ahead of

Home's public debut. Facebook has no current plans to bring Home to the iPhone, iPad, BlackBerry or Windows devices. That's because Google makes Android available on an open-source basis, free for anyone to modify, so it's easier to make changes.

That last part is key to the Home experience. Normally, Google's apps and services are front and center. Android makes it easy to get on Gmail, navigate with Google Maps and search for things using its Google Now voice assistant — all with a tap or two on the phone. Facebook is taking advantage of its rival's open-source policy to place its apps and services front and center.

Right from the home screen, you see the things your friends are sharing on Facebook. Not interested in what Dave has to say? There's Mary replacing him in seven seconds, and Jennifer replacing her seven seconds later. Mixed in are posts from some of the groups you follow. Facebook says you'll eventually get ads there, too.

Facebook calls this the Cover Feed. I call it Facebook on steroids.

I hardly have time to digest a post before a new one appears, and in many cases I'm seeing only the first several words in a post, hardly enough to convey a thought. The good news is

that I can pause the stream and view the full post at any time by tapping the screen. In doing so, I can comment on a post or hit a "like" button. The scrolling stream continues with another tap.

As the text of your friend's post appears, you'll see in the background the person's cover photo, the large image your friend chooses to display at the top of his or her profile page. Because cover photos are horizontal, and the app is designed for vertical use, you're seeing only a snippet at a time. The part that is visible shifts over those seven seconds, as if a camera is slowly moving across, similar to the panning technique used in Ken Burns documentaries.

If the post is of a photo, you'll see that image rather than the cover photo in the background.

Again, you're only seeing a snippet — a part of the elephant, but not its whole. To view the full photo, you have to tap and keep your finger on the screen — though that can block part of the image. □

## Google launches tool to manage 'digital afterlife'

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Google has launched a tool that lets users decide what happens with their email, Google Plus and other accounts after they die — or become inactive online for any other reason. Called "inactive account manager," the feature lets users of Google's services

tell the company what to do with email messages and other data if their account becomes inactive. For example, Google says, users can choose to delete their data after three, six or 12 months of inactivity. Or they can choose specific people to receive the data.

Besides Gmail and Google Plus, other services covered include YouTube, the photo-sharing service Picasa and Blogger. Google Inc., based in Mountain View, California, says it will warn users through a secondary email address or a provided phone number before taking any action. □



# U.S. banks, under scrutiny, set to announce earnings

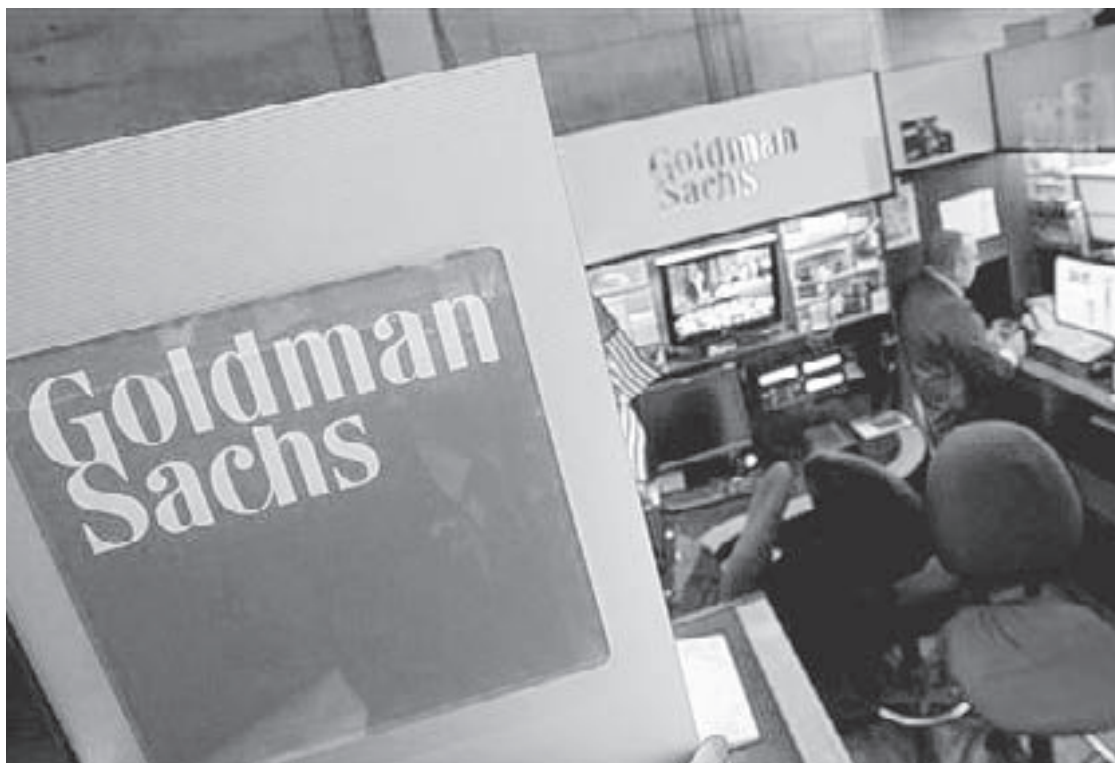
**CHRISTINA REXRODE**

**AP Business Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The U.S. banking industry is on edge.

As big financial institutions like Goldman Sachs and JPMorgan Chase get set to report earnings over the next week, they are under pressure to show investors they can correct mistakes from the financial crisis and still post big profits. While profitable of late, there are worries that the recent run-up in earnings is just masking the problems.

The list of post-crisis challenges banks face is long: lawsuits over mortgage investments that went bust, new regulations that are drying up old sources of revenue, weak demand for loans and pressure from regulators to keep bigger cushions of cash on hand, instead of letting banks deploy it on new investments. Some banks are trying new strategies and new CEOs to sustain growth. Others are scrambling to make



**In this March 15, 2012 photo, a trader works in the Goldman Sachs booth on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. JPMorgan Chase and Goldman Sachs need better plans for coping with a severe recession, the Federal Reserve said Thursday, March 14, 2014, giving the banks until September to revise them.**

sure they're meeting the government's new regulatory standards. Banks could also face fresh scrutiny in areas like money laundering and protecting

customers from predatory lenders. Some lawmakers are questioning whether large banks should be broken up to avoid being "too big to fail" — meaning the

government has no choice but to bail them out when they're in trouble.

Estimates for this quarter's earnings vary widely. Sterne Agee analysts wrote

**Associated Press**

in a recent note that the bank leaders' comments and outlook will "carry significant weight" this time around, "particularly as revenue streams continue to normalize over the course of 2013, and an uncertain loan growth outlook comes into greater focus." Analysts at Raymond James predicted that banks are still about two years away "from normal profitability levels."

By one measure, banks are beating the market. Financial stocks in the Standard & Poor's 500 are up more than 13 percent this year, compared to 12 percent for the overall S&P index. But that's partly because they have so far to go. Of the six megabanks, four are trading below book value, according to fourth-quarter data. That means their value on the stock market is less than the value of the sum of the company's parts. By this measure, only Wells Fargo and Goldman Sachs are ahead. □

# T-Mobile USA sweetens bid for US carrier MetroPCS

**BERLIN (AP)** — Deutsche Telekom AG, the parent company of T-Mobile USA, has raised its bid for MetroPCS Communications Inc. to placate shareholders for the cellphone carriers.

The announcement late Wednesday came ahead of a special shareholder meeting that MetroPCS had scheduled for Friday. Major MetroPCS shareholders had voiced their opposition to the deal, saying they were not getting a fair share of the combined company.

Two shareholder advisory firms had also said they opposed the deal last week, sending shares of Dallas-based MetroPCS up in expectation of a sweetened bid from Deutsche Telekom. The German company called its new bid its "best and final offer."

MetroPCS's stock fell 3 cents, or 0.3 percent, to \$11.53 in midday trading

Thursday in the U.S. Shares of Deutsche Telekom rose 2 percent in Frankfurt trading.

Analyst Kevin Smithen at Macquarie Capital said the new offer will win the support of shareholders and advisory firms.

He raised his price target on the shares from \$13.50 to \$15 in a morning research note.

Paulson & Co., the largest shareholder of MetroPCS, said Thursday that it now intends to vote in favor of the deal.

The deal would merge the fourth- and fifth-largest cellphone carriers in the U.S. and boost T-Mobile USA's chance of competing with larger carriers Verizon Wireless, AT&T Inc. and Sprint Nextel Corp.

Deutsche Telekom said the original offer had T-Mobile USA contributing \$15 billion in debt to the combined company. The new offer reduces that amount



**T-Mobile Chief Marketing Officer Mike Sievert holds brochures if competitors' plans as he speaks during a news conference, Tuesday, March 26, 2013 in New York.**

**Associated Press**

to \$11.2 billion, effectively making the combined company more valuable. Deutsche Telekom says it will also reduce the interest rate on those loans by 50

basis points.

The ownership structure remains unchanged, with 26 percent of shares being held by current MetroPCS shareholders and 74 per-

cent by Deutsche Telekom. MetroPCS has rescheduled its special meeting for April 24 to give shareholders time to consider the new offer. □



# Cold March keeps shoppers' spending tepid

**MAE ANDERSON**

**AP Retail Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)**—U.S. retailers reported a key revenue figure rose slightly in March, as shoppers held back on spending because of the cold weather across the nation and continued fears about the economy.

According to a preliminary tally of 15 retailers by the International Council of Shopping Centers, revenue in stores open at least a year rose 1.4 percent, or 2.2 percent excluding drugstores. That was below expectations, said Michael Niemira, chief economist at the ICSC.

Economists monitor consumer spending because it accounts for more than 70 percent of economic activity.

Revenue in stores open at least one year is a key measure of a retailer's financial health, because it excludes stores that open or close during the year.

Weather was a factor, with March being the coldest in seven years. The comparison with last March was

especially tough. Last year saw the warmest March on record, according to weather research firm Planalytics Inc.

"Wintry weather conditions persisted deep into March, depressing spring apparel, home and garden, and seasonal merchandise sales," said Ken Perkins, president of Retail Metrics. Meanwhile, the payroll tax increase that took effect in January and the uncertain economy have weighed on spending, he said.

Analysts often like to combine March and April to get a clearer picture of shoppers' habits, because of volatile weather patterns that time of year and Easter's movement around the calendar.

Easter tends to help stores that sell groceries and candy but costs clothing sellers a day of sales without spurring much additional spending. Most of the stores that report monthly sales figures are clothing specialists.

Job fears have risen since



A J.C. Penney store is shown, Tuesday, April 9, 2013 in New York. J.C. Penney is hoping its former CEO can revive the retailer after a risky turnaround strategy backfired and led to massive losses and steep sales declines.

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## RIM's largest investor says he stands by company

**ROB GILLIES**

**Associated Press**

**TORONTO (AP)** — The largest investor in Research In Motion said Thursday that he will stick with the BlackBerry company despite founder Mike Lazaridis's announcement that he will leave the company.

Prem Watsa, a board member who owns 10 percent of the company, first became interested in RIM because of his friendship with Lazaridis.

The 52-year-old Lazaridis last month announced plans to leave RIM on May 1. He stepped down as co-chief executive in January 2012, but stayed on as vice chairman and a board director.

Watsa said Thursday at his annual meeting for Fairfax Financial Holdings that CEO Thorsten Heins has done a great job since taking over last year, and he expects the company will do well over time. He has called Lazaridis a technical genius who invented the modern smartphone and said he will be missed. Lazaridis, RIM's second largest shareholder, started a new venture capital fund last month and is also a major philanthropist.

"Mike very simply said to us that he was tired. He had a ton of work. He's going to be a big supporter of the company. He's not going to sell his shares," Watsa said. "He chose Thorsten Heins to be CEO and Thorsten has done an outstanding job in the last year and continues to."

Watsa said he's a "big supporter" of Heins and called his promotion the right decision a year ago. He also said he's excited about the new BlackBerry 10 operating system.

"It's not early days. □

the government reported hiring was the slowest in nine months in March. However, the Labor Department reported Thursday that the number of Americans seeking unemployment benefits fell sharply last week, a hopeful sign that the slowdown in hiring may have been temporary.

Perkins expects April to be stronger, as the weather improves and customers respond to strong fashion

trends such as colorful jeans and prints. An earlier Easter, which meant one less selling day in March, will also help April results, he said. In addition, shoppers should benefit from tax refunds and falling gas prices.

The number of retailers reporting monthly sales figures has been shrinking. Big names like Target, Macy's and Nordstrom have recently stopped reporting. Wal-Mart, the world's larg-

est retailer, hasn't reported monthly sales figures in several years. Gap Inc. is set to report after the market closes.

With the shrinking list, Costco, which posted a 6 percent gain in February, now accounts for about two-thirds of the revenue in the tally. In total, the retailers that report monthly data represent about 6 percent of the \$2.4 trillion in U.S. retail industry sales. □

## Stocks rise for fourth day in a row

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**AP Business Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — U.S. retailers surged Thursday after turning in better sales, and major stock market indexes rose for a fourth day straight.

The discount chain Ross Stores jumped 6 percent, the best gain in the Standard & Poor's 500 index. The company said stronger sales in March will likely push profits above its previous estimate this quarter. The stock jumped \$3.56 to \$63.80.

A surprising drop in claims for unemployment benefits last week gave investors more encouragement. Analysts said it could mean a slowdown in hiring last month may have been

temporary.

"The numbers today make it seem like that March report was an anomaly," said David Heidl, a regional investment manager at U.S. Bank's wealth management unit. "It's another reason for optimism."

The Dow Jones industrial average gained 62.90 points to close at 14,865.14, an increase of 0.4 percent. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 5.64 points, also 0.4 percent, to 1,593.37.

Rite Aid soared 18 percent to \$2.12 after the drugstore chain said higher sales of generic drugs and lower costs helped it post better earnings than analysts had expected.

Makers of computer hardware and software sank

following a report that first-quarter shipments of PCs dropped 14 percent worldwide over the past year. That's the steepest fall since International Data Corp. started tracking the industry in 1994.

"The IDC report is much worse than anyone expected," said David Brown, director of Sabrient Systems, an investment research firm. "That's obviously shaking up the tech sector, but everything else is resuming the climb."

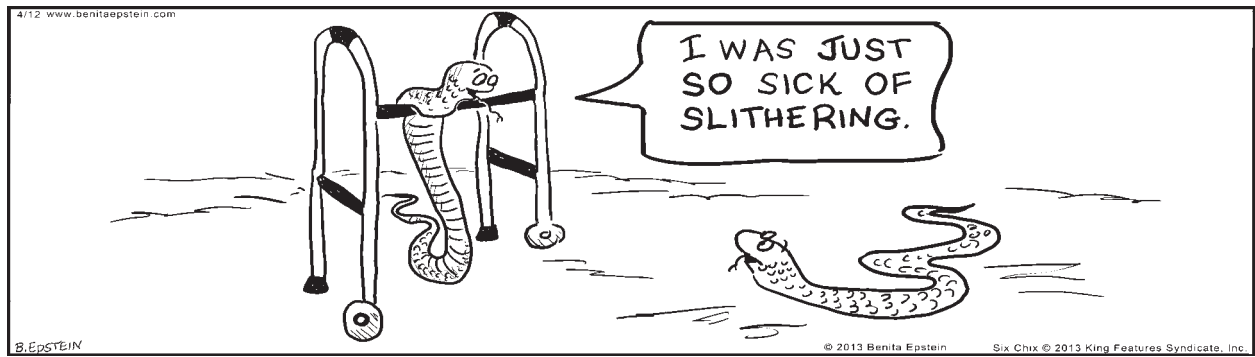
The three companies in the Dow that deal in PCs held the index back. Hewlett-Packard dropped 6 percent to \$20.88, Microsoft lost 4 percent to \$28.93 and Intel fell 2 percent to \$21.82. □



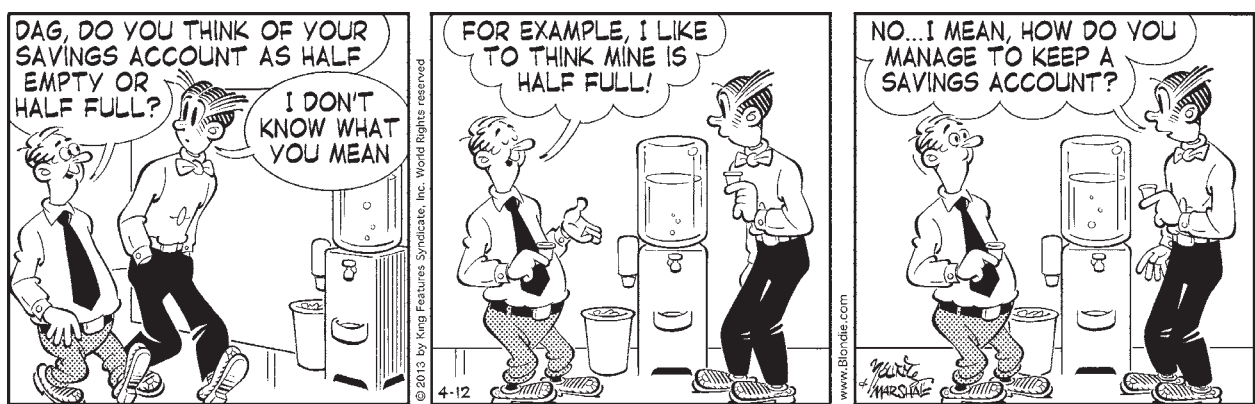
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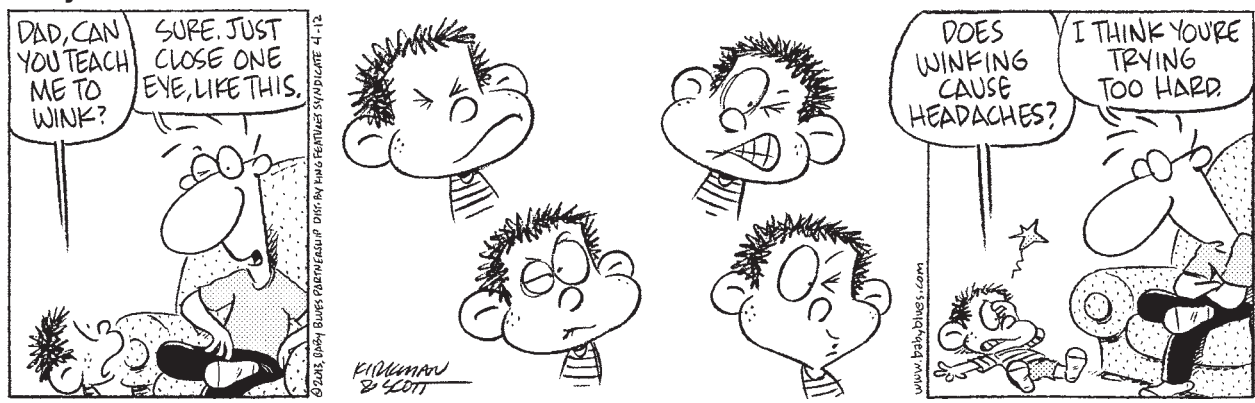
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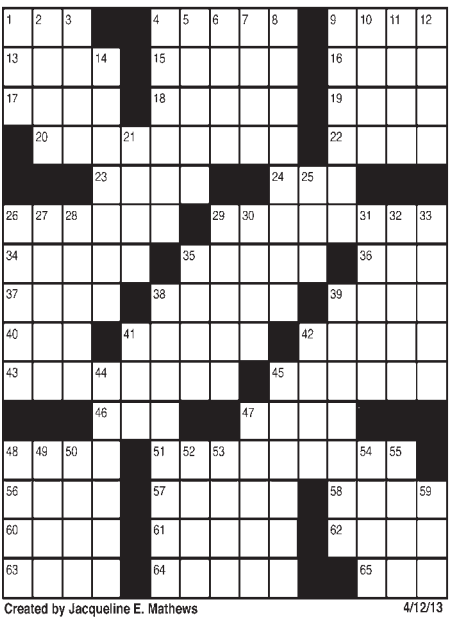
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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6	2	9	8	1	7	4	3	5
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- 1 Up until now; so far
  - 4 Found a total
  - 9 Gritty residue
  - 13 "When You Wish \_\_\_ a Star"
  - 15 Depart
  - 16 Region
  - 17 \_\_\_ up; form a row
  - 18 Word in the name of many bowling alleys
  - 19 Mortgage, e.g.
  - 20 Unending
  - 22 Blyth and Jillian
  - 23 Sunbeams
  - 24 Finale
  - 26 Groups of eight
  - 29 Umbrellas
  - 34 Run after
  - 35 Spacious hotel quarters
  - 36 Enemy
  - 37 Young horse
  - 38 Date trees
  - 39 Store away
  - 40 \_\_\_ up; spend
  - 41 Jib & spinnaker
  - 42 Honking birds
  - 43 Cancels; takes back
  - 45 Complained
  - 46 St. Joan of \_\_\_
  - 47 Ring out
  - 48 Lion's den
  - 51 Horrifying
  - 56 "M\*A\*S\*H" star
  - 57 Danish dollar
  - 58 Tidy
  - 60 Part of the leg
  - 61 Spine-chilling
  - 62 Violent wind
  - 63 \_\_\_ highs; long socks
  - 64 Eyeglasses, for short
  - 65 Boy



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Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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  - 3 Muscle quality
  - 4 Backstreets
  - 5 Passes out cards
  - 6 Great \_\_\_; very tall dog
  - 7 12/24 & 12/31
  - 8 Cake and pie
  - 9 Lettuce concoctions
  - 10 Element whose symbol is Fe
  - 11 Slender; thin
  - 12 Sunbathes
  - 14 Closest
  - 21 Satisfy
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  - 26 Happen
  - 27 Selected
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  - 33 Made clothes
  - 35 Uttered
  - 38 Flapjacks
  - 39 Making airtight
  - 41 Knight's title
  - 42 Hockey score

- 44 Bottle holding wine or coffee
- 45 Big brawls
- 47 Overwhelming anxiety
- 48 Dearth
- 49 Actor Rachins
- 50 Twiddling one's thumbs
- 52 Abbr. word in some high school names
- 53 Skin opening
- 54 Actress Patricia
- 55 Celebration
- 59 Rose Kennedy's youngest



# Princess Alexandra? UK royal baby name bets surge

SYLVIA HUI

Associated Press

**LONDON (AP)** — Queen Debbie doesn't quite have the right ring to it. King Bob just sounds wrong.

Naming a baby is no easy business, but much more is at stake when it comes to finding the right name for a future monarch.

Britain's bookmakers have some ideas to offer to Prince William and the Duchess of Cambridge: Alexandra is the clear favorite, with the odds slashed at 2-1 as of Thursday. One of the bookies, Coral, said that at one point betting on the name became so furious that it had to suspend it.

Elizabeth, Diana and Victoria are close behind, following widespread speculation that the royal couple's first child will be a girl. All things considered, the bookies are likely on the right track.

"Royal names tend to be based on previous monarchs, relatives and godparents to ensure continuity," said historian Carolyn Harris, who lectures at the University of Toronto's school of continuing studies.

"(The names) are not generally something out of the blue. It will be something that fits into the royal lineage, names used by previous kings and queens," she added.

Alexandra appears to



In this Friday, April 5, 2013, Kate, the Duchess of Cambridge, right, talks to members of the crew and their families as she visits the Astute-class Submarine Building at BAE Systems in Barrow-in-Furness, England.

Associated Press

be a good bet — it's the name of Queen Elizabeth II's great-grandmother, a Danish princess who married Edward VII.

The full name of Elizabeth herself also includes Alexandra, as well as Mary, her grandmother.

It's not clear why people suddenly became so enthusiastic about the name Alexandra over the past few days, though Simon Clare, a spokesman for the bookmaker Coral, offered a clue: Many of the bets appeared to be coming in from Berkshire, the county that's home to royal residence Windsor Castle.

"With these sorts of markets you don't expect a rush of money. Generally it comes once people think they know what's happened," he said. He added, howev-

er, that it could also just be that "someone at the local pub said Kate quite liked the idea of the name."

Much more reliable, then, to delve into the royal family trees for clues.

In the middle ages royals sometimes used saints' names, but since then most monarchs have stuck to the names of predecessors — Henry, William, Mary, James, Richard, to name a few.

Some royal names do not hark back to ancestors, but instead can be read as symbols that have national significance, Harris said.

Take Arthur, the middle names of both Prince Charles and Prince William, which brings to mind the legendary King Arthur and tales of chivalry — a favorite theme ingrained in Britain's literature. □

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# Infrared camera in wild aimed at owl nest

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**Associated Press**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Denver Holt has been studying the long-eared owl for 27 years. He's banded over 1,700 of the birds and found 225 nests in the U.S. state of Montana.

But he's never been able to see what the nocturnal birds do at night until now. An infrared camera and microphone on top of a pole in willow thickets on Montana rangeland is aimed at a long-eared owl nest. Holt, founder and director of the Owl Research Institute, believes there are four or five eggs in the nest.

He can't wait to see how the birds share child-rearing, how they interact with other species and how many naps they take during the night.

"There are only so many animals in the world admired by masses of people. There are penguins, some bears, whales and owls," Holt said. The around-the-clock long-eared owl cam goes live Thursday and is believed to be the first ever set up in the wild, Holt said. It is part of an explore.org Internet initiative, underwritten by the Annenberg Foundation. The birds can be found throughout North



**This image provided by Explore.org shows Denver Holt of the Owl Institute tagging a long-eared owl outside Missoula, Mont. Associated Press**

America and Europe, "but because they are nocturnal and studies are so few, we don't have a good handle on what is going on in the populations."

He knows in some areas, including his, the birds and rangeland are disappearing together, but there isn't enough research data to make blanket statements, he said. He does know that long-eared owls don't have long ears — and great horned owls don't have horns.

"They are all feathers and wings," Holt said. An average female long-ear

weighs between about 12 ounces (340 grams), while an average male weighs around 10 ounces (280 grams).

They settle into deserted magpie nests, come in colors that match their environment and have feather tufts in the middle of their heads that Holt believes evolved for camouflage. They are friend to farmers and home owners because they eat voles or field mice. For many years, researchers collected "puke balls" — the thumb-sized pellets the owls regurgitate after a full meal. They've identi-

fied 35,000 prey and over 95 percent were voles, Holt said. Some people collect the balls, dry them out and sell them to schools, Holt said, but the institute provides them to area schools for free. Students tease the pellets apart to examine the small skulls of the voles and identify other species that have been eaten (the occasional mouse, pocket gopher and bird). Such lessons have become very popular in high school science classes, he said.

"Long-eared owls are seasonally monogamous, but they have multiple mates over a lifetime," the researcher said.

If one of the birds returns to the nest the next year, it will be the male. Owlets are the same. If a chick returns to the area to mate, it will probably be the male.

So what do cam watchers have to look forward to? The female laid her eggs a few days apart, so the births will be staggered too. The chicks will start getting big in two weeks and in three, the mother will start sitting outside the nest. A few days more and the chicks will screech for their food.

Soon the babies will start branching or climbing

clumsily onto branches above the nest. They will fall, but also keep moving further from the nest. Their screaming demands for food will grow louder, Holt said. It is likely the birds will move out of camera range as they venture further away. When the mother owl is finished nesting, when the chicks are around 11 weeks old, she will take off and "most of the time, we never see the female again." The father owl will continue to feed the chicks until they leave, again in a staggered sequence.

"Predation influences leaving the nest as early as possible," Holt said, describing the hazards of a raccoon invasion. Long-eared owls will live five to 10 years. The institute will keep the cam trained on the nest until there is nothing left to see, Holt said.

The Pearls of the Planet series has put cameras on osprey, puffins, brown bears and polar bears, generating millions of streaming hours from all over the world, said Charlie Annenberg, the founder of explore.org and vice president and director of the foundation his grandfather Walter Annenberg founded. □

## Mouse brains made transparent, revealing anatomy

**MALCOLM RITTER**

**AP Science Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Stanford University scientists have found a way to make see-through mouse brains: You take the brain out of the mouse, soak it in chemicals for a couple of days, and voila: It becomes transparent.

That's not just a parlor trick.

It lets scientists see both anatomical and chemical details in their natural, three-dimensional setting. And how big a deal is that? Listen to these neuroscientists:

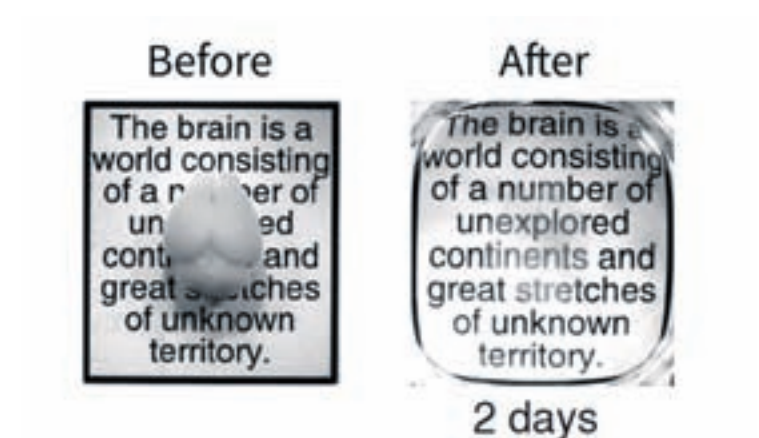
"What these guys have done is just stupendous," said Dr. Bernardo Sabatini of Harvard Medical School. "You can just peer into the

brain" and get "incredible" images, he said.

Sabatini said he was eager to try it himself, and so did Arthur Toga at the University of California, Los Angeles, who called it "extraordinary ... a great advance."

"It's exactly the technique everyone's been waiting for," said Terry Sejnowski of the Salk Institute, who reckoned it will speed up brain anatomy research by 10 to 100 times.

The advance was reported online Wednesday in the journal Nature by Dr. Karl Deisseroth and co-workers at Stanford. Some other labs are already working to apply the technique outside the brain, such as



**This undated image provided by Karl Deisseroth's lab shows a combination of photos of an intact adult mouse brain before and after the two-day CLARITY process. Associated Press**

in breast cancer biopsies, Deisseroth said.

Mouse brains are a mainstay of neuroscience research. Deisseroth's team also showed the technique

can work on small pieces of human brain tissue that had been stored for years after being removed from the cadaver of a person with autism. □

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# Reebok drops Rick Ross following pro-rape lyrics

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AP Music Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Reebok has ended its relationship with Rick Ross following heavy criticism of lyrics by the rapper considered by some to be pro-rape.

The sneaker brand said in a statement Thursday that "Reebok holds our partners to a high standard and we expect them to live up to the values of our brand. Unfortunately, Rick Ross has failed to do so."

Ross formally apologized for his lyrics on Rocko's song "U.O.E.N.O." in a tweet last week. It came the same day a women's group, UltraViolet, protested outside of one Reebok's stores in Manhattan.

In Rocko's song, Ross raps about giving a woman the drug MDMA, known as Molly, and having his way with her.

"Put Molly all up in her champagne, she ain't even know it, I took her home and I enjoyed that, she ain't even know it," he says.

The song was released in January, but just recently began getting widespread notice. Women's groups and rape victims have issued petitions.

In his apologetic tweet, Ross said his lyrics were misinterpreted. He said he doesn't condone rape and apologized for lyrics that were "interpreted as rape." A week prior, he said in a radio interview that "there was a misunderstanding with the lyric" and that he didn't use the term "rape."

Ross has appeared in a commercial for the Reebok Classic sneakers. The company says it does not believe that the Grammy-nominated rapper "condones sexual assault," but the company is not happy with how he has handled the situation.

"We are very disappointed he has yet to display an understanding of the seriousness of this issue or an appropriate level of remorse," the statement read. "At this time, it is in everyone's best interest for Reebok to end its partnership with Mr. Ross." A message sent to Ross' representative was not immediately returned. Rocko said in an interview with radio station Hot 97 on Wednesday that he is removing Ross' rap from his song. He said the backlash has "put him a position where I have to change"

the song.

UltraViolet said in a statement Thursday that the group is "thrilled to hear that Reebok is joining the fight against rape culture and dropping Rick Ross."

"This sends a strong message that rapping about drugging and raping an unconscious woman is not only morally wrong, but has real consequences," the statement read. Four of Ross' five albums have reached gold



This July 7, 2012 file photo shows rapper Rick Ross performing during the OpenAir music festival in Frauenfeld, Switzerland. Associated Press

status, including last year's "God Forgives, I Don't," which earned a Grammy nomination for best rap album. His hits include "The

Boss" and "Aston Martin Music," and he's collaborated with acts like Kanye West, Drake, John Legend and Nicki Minaj. □

## Led Zeppelin, Van Halen producer Andy Johns dies

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — A sound engineer and producer who worked with Led Zeppelin, Van Halen and the Rolling Stones has died.

Andy Johns' family says he died Sunday in Los Angeles after a brief hospital stay to treat complications from a stomach ulcer. He was 62. Johns was born in England and started his career at Olympic Studios in London. He went on to produce dozens of classic rock 'n' roll albums including the Stones' "Exile on Main Street."

Johns is survived by his wife Annette; sons Evan, Jesse and William; grandchildren Lennon, Everly, Charlie and Luca; sister Susan Johns; and brother Glyn Johns. Glyn Johns is also a pro-



This undated handout photo provided by Slate PR shows sound engineer and producer, Andy Johns, who worked with Led Zeppelin, Van Halen and the Rolling Stones.

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ducer and engineer who has worked with artists including the Who, the Beatles and Eric Clapton. He was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame last year. □

## Jay-Z references Cuba trip in song 'Open Letter'



This April 4, 2013 file photo shows married musicians Beyoncé, left, and rapper Jay-Z as they tour Old Havana, Cuba.

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Jay-Z is defending his recent trip to Cuba in a new song.

The rapper released "Open Letter" Thursday after two Florida Republican lawmakers critical of the trip questioned if the rapper's visit to Havana with wife Beyoncé, which coincided with their fifth wedding anniversary, was officially licensed.

On the song, Jay-Z talks about his distaste for politicians and repeats the refrain, "Y'all gon' learn to-

day."

Jay-Z raps: "Want to give me jail time and a fine? Fine, let me commit a real crime." U.S. Treasury officials said Tuesday the couple's trip was licensed as an educational exchange after Cuban-American U.S. Reps Ileana Ros-Lehtinen and Mario Diaz-Balart expressed concerns about the trip and wanted to know if it was licensed.

Jay-Z and Beyoncé are avid supporters of President Barack Obama. Jay-Z raps in his song, "Obama said, 'Chill, you gon' get

me impeached, you don't need this (expletive) anyway, chill with me on the beach."

U.S. citizens are not allowed to travel to Cuba for mere tourism, though they can obtain licenses for academic, religious, journalistic or cultural exchange trips. The so-called people-to-people licenses were reinstated under the Obama administration. Beyoncé and Jay-Z marked their fifth wedding anniversary in Havana last week.

On the new song the 17-time Grammy winner also addresses the Brooklyn Nets, which he owns less than 1 percent of. Jay-Z is selling his stake in the team so he can become certified as a player agent, a person with knowledge of the details said Wednesday. "Would have bought the Nets to Brooklyn for free, except I made millions off of you (expletive) dweebs, I still own the building, I'm still keeping my seats," he raps.

Jay-Z also calls himself "the Bob Dylan of rap music" on "Open Letter," which was produced by Timbaland and Swizz Beatz. □



## Bruno Mars' sisters get WEtv reality series

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Bruno Mars isn't the only singer in the family.

The 27-year-old Grammy winner's four sisters will appear in a WEtv reality series documenting the recording process of their debut album, the cable network announced Wednesday.

The show will air this fall. It will include eight hour-long episodes.

Tiara, Tahiti and Presley Hernandez are moving from Hawaii to Los Angeles to join their older sister Jamie. The sisters perform as The Lylas.

Mars, who was born Peter Hernandez, moved from Hawaii to live with Jamie in Los Angeles in 2002 after he graduated from high school. He released his platinum-selling debut, "Doo-Wops & Hooligans," in 2010 and last year released his sophomore album, "Unorthodox Jukebox." His No. 1 hits include



**This image released by We TV shows, from left, Jamie Hernandez, Presley Hernandez, Tahiti Hernandez, Tiara Hernandez, sisters of entertainer Bruno Mars, who will star in a reality series on We TV documenting the recording process of their debut album.**

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"Locked Out of Heaven," "Just the Way You Are" and "Grenade." □

## Mary Higgins Clark active as ever at age 85

**HILLEL ITALIE**  
**AP National Writer**  
**SADDLE RIVER, N.J. (AP)**

— The desk of Mary Higgins Clark looks remarkably ordered for one of the world's most popular novelists. But the upkeep can be explained by spring cleaning and by a pause between projects as Clark promotes a new novel, and plans her next.

"It's a total mess when I'm working, because I have research books here," she says. "And last year, it was getting all dusty from all the books, so we had to take them out."

I get allergies easily and it was getting too dusty."

The long-reigning "Queen of Suspense" works out of the top floor of this three-story converted ranch house, logging on to a Dell computer that is foreign to her in many ways, but just familiar enough for Clark



**In this Wednesday, April 3 2013 photo, author Mary Higgins Clark sign copies of her latest book "Daddy's Gone A Hunting" at the Simon & Schuster office in New York.**

**Associated Press**

to have mastered how to store a day's material.

She is 85, could have retired long ago, but worries more when she's not writing ("I was never a gardener. If I plant something, it dies.") She's completed more than 40 books, not just mysteries, but children's stories, Christmas novels, an historical novel and a memoir, "Kitchen Privileges." She has co-written a few books with daughter Carol Higgins Clark and has so many ideas that she's thinking of bringing in collaborators for other projects.

Her current book, "Daddy's Gone a Hunting," is a vintage Clark thriller featuring women in distress, tragic pasts and secret identities. It's about a deadly explosion that destroys a family furniture business in Long Island City and about one of the founder's granddaughters — injured in the blast, suspected of being in on the crime — who lies in a coma.

Explaining how she thought of the story, Clark talks about an old acquaintance who ran an unprofitable restaurant on Long Island, one that was ruined in a fire. He opened another restaurant, only to have another fire burn it down. "So the FBI said to him, 'Jimmy, next time

have a flood,'" she says with a laugh.

She is also fascinated by memory, what happens to it after a traumatic event and what we're capable of understanding while supposedly unconscious. She discusses an incident from a few years ago, when she was recovering from surgery and was accidentally given too much medication.

"My blood pressure was dropping and so was my heart rate, and I actually had that out of body experience where I was floating above," she says.

"And John (her husband, former Merrill Lynch Futures CEO John J. Conheeney) and the kids were all standing around the bed and it was a cathedral-like room. And I thought, 'I have a choice. If I turn right, I will not come back. If I go down, I will come back and I'm not ready yet.'

And I came down." She is a well-spoken woman with a good-natured, staccato laugh and a confident, but informal manner.

Dressed stylishly in a red and white Escada jacket and dark slacks, she looks born to live well, to have a tennis court and swimming pool and an assistant who brings her tea. But commercial fortune did not come until middle age and her affinity for women who struggle, and prevail, is clearly personal.

Mary Higgins was born in New York City in 1927, an Irish-American whose immigrant father owned a popular pub. But when she was 11, her father died and the family lost their home. One of her brothers died of meningitis when she was a teenager. While still in high school, she worked as a switchboard operator to help support her family.

As an adult, Clark relived her mother's tragedy. She married Warren Clark, a regional manager of Capital Airways, in 1949 and had five children. □

## Wash. jury rejects claim of actress who sued IMDb

**GENE JOHNSON**  
**Associated Press**

**SEATTLE (AP)** — A federal jury in Seattle has rejected a claim brought by a little-known actress who sued Amazon.com and its Internet Movie Database for revealing her age.

Huong Hoang goes by the stage name Junie Hoang and has appeared in such films as "Gingerdead Man 3: Saturday Night Cleaver" and "Hoodrats 2: Hoodrat Warriors."

The 41-year-old says offers for roles dried up after the popular online movie database mined her account information to learn her true age.

She sued for breach of contract, and the case went to trial this week. The judge dismissed parent company Amazon as a defendant before the trial. IMDb argued that it has a First Amendment right



**Actress Junie Hoang poses for a photo at the federal courthouse in Seattle on Thursday, April 11, 2013, after a jury rejected her breach-of-contract claim against the Internet Movie Database.**

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to publish accurate information and Hoang can't

prove she lost any money because of it. □



## The vigorous virtues



David Brooks

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The 1990 Tory coup against Margaret Thatcher was the most intense political event I've covered. The Conservative politicians who were trying to remove her from party leadership and the prime minister's office knew they were toppling a person who was their political and moral superior. They knew she had earned the right to face the country in an election one last time, rather than be deposed by the supposed lieutenants in her own party. They sensed there would be some Shakespearean retribution for the act of disloyalty they were engaged in. They went around rubbing their hands like Lady Macbeth trying to expunge the sin even as they were committing it.

But Thatcher had exhausted the country. She had run through all the potential ministers on her side, and blocked the ambitions of many others. Her colleagues thought she was too anti-Europe. Her poll numbers were sinking. And so they felt compelled to act. After a series of fervid meetings and maneuvers while she was away, the members of her own party brought her down.

She came back from Paris betrayed and red around the eyes. But she still had to lead a Question Time in the House of Commons, speaking for a government she no longer headed. It was a triumph. She dominated the hall, crushed the hecklers and rose magnificently above her own misery. "I'm enjoying this," she exulted at one point. "I'm enjoying this!" The men who destroyed her leapt to their feet and roared. "You can wipe the floor with those people!" one of her remaining supporters shouted.

Thatcher went down in full cry: "When good has to be upheld, when evil has to be overcome, Britain will take up arms!"

A little while later I literally bumped into her at a conference. I asked her what was running through her mind as she entered the House of Commons for that triumphant session. I've rarely received an answer so disappointing. She told me she was thinking of the thank-you notes she would have to write that evening, and other mundane details of the day.

The people who make history are usually not the same people who

are able to reflect and be introspective about it. As her former aide Matthew Parris once wrote, "I don't actually believe she had hidden depths."

Margaret Thatcher was a world historical figure for the obvious reasons. Before Thatcher, history seemed to be moving in the direction of Swedish social democracy. After Thatcher, it wasn't. But her most pervasive influence was on the level of values.

She was formed by her disgust with 1970s Britain. She witnessed a moral shift in those years, away from people who were competitive and toward people who were cooperative, away from the ambitious and toward those who were self-nurturing and self-exploring, away from the culture of rectitude and toward the culture of narcissism. Especially in the prestigious reaches of society, people were often uninterested in technology and disdainful of commerce.

In the political sphere this translated into an aversion to conflict, a desperate desire for consensus, which often translated into policy drift and a gradual surrender to entrenched interests. Thatcher saw this as a loss of national potency. She saw it as a loss of will, a settling for mediocrity, a betrayal of Britain's great history and an acceptance of decline.

The daughter of a small grocer, she led a fervent bourgeois Risorgimento. She was the voice of the ambitious middle class. She lionized the self-made striver. Loving tidiness, she checked to see if the space above the picture frames was properly dusted.

She championed a certain sort of individual, one who possessed what the writer Shirley Robin Lewin called the Vigorous Virtues: "upright, self-sufficient, energetic, adventurous, independent-minded, loyal to friends and robust against foes."

If her predecessors stood for consensus and the endless negotiation of interests over beer and sandwiches, Thatcher stood for steadfast conviction on behalf of the national good. An admirer of the free market, her companion goal was to restore the authority of the state, and she was willing to centralize power to do it.

At a time when others were sliding toward moral relativism, Thatcher stood for individual responsibility, moral self-confidence and often, it has to be admitted, self-righteous certitude. Put aside her personal failings, she was a militant optimist for a country slipping unconsciously toward defeatism. Beyond her policy decisions, she was part of a values shift.

Today, bourgeois virtues like industry, competitiveness, ambition and personal responsibility are once again widely admired, by people of all political stripes. Today, technology is central to our world and tech moguls are celebrated.

Tony Blair and Bill Clinton embraced and ratified her policy shifts. □



## A tale of three women



Maureen Dowd

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**WASHINGTON** — One got famous wearing mouse ears. One got famous wearing brightly colored shifts. And one got famous wearing down the opposition while carrying a handbag.

The trio of famous deaths this week seems incongruous. Yet these spirited women — two quintessential Americans known by their first names and one quintessential Brit known by her nickname — were all vivid emblems of their time.

Three very different worlds are conjured up when you think about Annette Funicello, Lilly Pulitzer and Margaret Thatcher.

As a tot, I spent every afternoon in my Mickey Mouse Club ears and underwear, clutching a red patent purse full of Milky Ways, glued to the television watching Annette and company. For my older brother and other boys on the brink of their teens, the blossoming Annette sparked the first frisson of hormones. The comely daughter of an auto mechanic, she grew up in the San Fernando Valley and came across as the unpretentious Italian girl-next-door who might actually be your friend, or date.

She was so shy she asked Walt Disney if she should see a shrink; he said no, that she might cure herself of the very quality that people loved.

Even later, donning two-piece

bathing suits in her goofy beach party movies with Frankie Avalon, she seemed as innocent as Sally Field in her flying nun outfit. Mr. Disney, as she always called the man who discovered her at 12 in "Swan Lake" at the Burbank Starlite Bowl, implored her to cover her navel.

Annette was the avatar for carefree childhood and carefree summer. Maybe that's why it was such a shock when she revealed in 1992 that she had MS. The merry Mouseketeer and mother of three handled that merciless illness with grace, becoming the face of MS, founding a fund to benefit research and serving as an ambassador for the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Years after using a walker to accept her star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in 1993, Funicello lost the ability to walk or speak. But not before she shared how proud she was that MS sufferers had told her that because she went public, they were less embarrassed to go out with canes and wheelchairs.

"Like Cinderella, I believe a dream is a wish your heart makes," she said, sweet-tempered even as the disease ravaged her. "I've had a dream life." Pulitzer, another ambassador of fun, fashioned her dream life by branding a sweet slice of the American dream. Like her fellow Palm Beach resident Jimmy Buffett, she cleverly patented Paradise Found. She made citrus-bright resort wear that was, as Vanity Fair put it, "shorthand for WASP wealth at play." The clothes had down-to-earth snob appeal, as the magazine said in 2003, noting that Jackie Kennedy and her maid both wore Lillys. Just as Annette did not give in to her disease, Lilly, the daughter of a Standard Oil heiress, did not give in to the dictates of her stuffy old-money background. After she married a Pulitzer heir and moved to Palm Beach, she wandered the town barefoot, threw wild parties, had three kids

and suffered a nervous breakdown. A doctor told her, "You're not happy because you're not doing anything."

Unconcerned about making a spectacle of herself, she opened a stand on Worth Avenue to sell the fruit from her husband's orchards; then, she and a partner, wearing cheap, brightly patterned sheaths to hide fruit stains, had a eureka moment. Style is more than fashion, she said, and being happy "never goes out of style."

While Lilly was known as "the ultimate party girl," Maggie was "the ultimate conservative pinup." Margaret Thatcher, the grocer's daughter and mother of modern conservatism, had her faults, heaven knows. The New Yorker's John Cassidy called her a combination of Ronald Reagan, Ayn Rand and Dr. Strangelove. Francois Mitterrand said she had the eyes of Caligula and the mouth of Marilyn Monroe.

The Iron Lady could be harsh, but she was that rarest of creatures: a female leader who stayed womanly yet transcended gender. She "handbagged" opponents and offending underlings. She handled polls in the global boys' club deftly — as little boys, when they needed it, or as swains, when she needed it. (A national security aide confirmed to me once that Reagan had a "sneaker" for her.)

I was in Aspen in 1990 when she told President George Bush not to go "wobbly" on Saddam, blithely drilling down on the most sensitive part of the Bush psyche, the fear of being labeled a wimp.

My favorite Thatcher moment came while covering a Group of 7 meeting in Paris in 1989. Mitterrand had given her bad placement twice compared with other world leaders: once at the opera and once on the reviewing stand for a parade marking the bicentennial of the French Revolution, held where King Louis XVI was guillotined. □



# Vermont is suddenly awash in world-class beers

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Associated Press

GREENSBORO, Vermont

(AP) — Everyone expects Vermonters to wow the world with their maple syrup and cheeses. But lately the buzz has been about the brews.

Not that the craft beer movement is anything new to this tiny New England state, which sports the highest number of brewers per capita — roughly 25,030 people per brewery. But lately the attention those brewers have garnered is different. It's not a hey-they-have-great-beers-in-Vermont. It's a hey-they-have-the-best-beer-in-the-world.

No, really. Hill Farmstead Brewery recently was rated the world's best brewer on the popular international consumer review website, RateBeer.com.

And that has triggered a rush of beer enthusiasm — and enthusiasts — that has bordered on fanaticism. Since Hill Farmstead opened three years ago, beer tourists have been coming from around the world to visit the micro-brewery on a farm off a dirt road in Greensboro to buy growlers and bottles of brewer Shaun Hill's creations.

"It's like a cult following," said Ben King, who with his wife Sarah flew up from North Carolina to sample Vermont's beers. They even rented a car so they could stock it, then make the 13-hour drive home.

"As you can see it's definitely growing and I'm part of that crowd," said King, who was among the first in line at Hill Farmstead on a recent Saturday. "The beer's so good."

What's so good about it is the attention to detail and the flavor, said Joe Tucker, executive director of RateBeer, which in February named Hill Farmstead the world's best brewer — out of a pool of 13,000 — based on reviews of flavor, aroma, mouth feel and appearance.

"We're sort of at a point where people have pro-



In this Wednesday, April 3, 2013 photo, kegs wait to be filled at Hill Farmstead Brewery in Greensboro, Vt. Vermonters are buzzing about beer, and with good reason.

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gressed beyond just prizing big strong beer and so what they're looking for now is a more nuanced flavor," he said.

something. It's not like we don't know what we're doing and, 'Ah, we found gold out in the hills.' I've devoted my life to trying to

lovers out there that that's resonating with," said Julia Herz, a spokeswoman for the Brewers Association, a national nonprofit trade association.

And the Vermont Department of Tourism is tapping into that. The state already offers a "passport" encouraging beer lovers to visit lesser known brewers and collect stamps that can be



In this Wednesday, April 3, 2013 photo, brewer Shaun Hill pours a fresh brew at Hill Farmstead Brewery in Greensboro, Vt. Wednesday, April 3, 2013 photo, brewer Shaun Hill pours a fresh brew at Hill Farmstead Brewery in Greensboro, Vt.

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And flavor is something that Hill Farmstead does well, he said. "They've got a barrel aging program and they're getting a lot of interesting flavors out of the barrels. They've used wine barrels before," he said. They've also used zest and rind from citrus fruits.

Hill is modest about how the beer is made — it's hops, water, yeast — and agrees that it's very good, but not the world's best.

"We definitely put a lot of attention to detail. The process is very refined. It's not like a fortunate mistake or

make the best beer," said the 33-year-old.

Just as the artisanal cheese movement created its own culture in Vermont during the past 20 or so years, the craft beer industry has begun to do the same.

"A lot of that plays out to how and why you're starting to now see these little pockets of small breweries that are not trying to take over the world. They're simply trying to make world-class craft beers in the type and fashion that they want to enjoy them and there's many like-minded beer



In this Wednesday, April 3, 2013 photo, bottles of fresh-brewed beer line a shelf at Hill Farmstead Brewery in Greensboro, Vt. Associated Press

traded in for prizes. They also are planning a contest in Washington, D.C., in which the prize will be meeting some of Vermont's star brewers.

Along with Hill Farmstead, beer fans also have been seeking out brews by The

Alchemist in Waterbury — known for its cult sensation Heady Topper, a double India pale ale sold in a can and rated Vermont's best beer by RateBeer — as well as Lawson's Finest Liquids of Warren.

The day before visiting Hill Farmstead, the Kings visited The Alchemist and bought six cases of Heady Topper. They hoped to get more, but found some stores limit sales, like the Hunger Mountain Food Coop, which has a limit of two four-packs a person to allow more customers to get it. But at a local pub, they did get a chance to sample Lawson's Double Sunshine IPA.

"It was amazing," he said of the beer, which sells out within hours of being delivered on Fridays at Hunger Mountain.

Hill shies away from his stardom, preferring to brew beer than to take pictures with beer lovers. He got his start brewing in Vermont as a teenager, then working at the Shed Brewery in Stowe before going to Denmark in 2008 to hone his craft. He never expected his efforts would trigger this sort of following. He just wanted to sell a few growlers a week.

"The beer is very good of course, but there's also so much else that goes into someone's understanding and perception of an object or of beauty, right? I mean it's location and place and branding and the fact that everything about it is authentic," he said of his beer made with water from the family's well. Visitors take in the beautiful views from the hill top farm and get to sample some of the beer — on a recent day served by Hill's mother — as they wait in line, sometimes a couple of hours — to get growlers filled or to purchase bottles. Mike Klisc, 27, of Manchester, New Hampshire, and three friends said the wait was worth it.

"It's world class. I think there is a little bit of hype behind it. But it really is some of the tastiest beer I've ever had," he said. □